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Executive Chamber December 24th 1839

To the Sheriff of Yazoo County— Greeting:

Whereas one Seth Cook, a citizen of Yazoo County State of Mississippi, at the June adjournment of the Circuit Court of said County, since the session of six hundred and fifty Justices, on about twenty two indictments found against him, for retailing, without a license to regulate the sale of Wines and Spirituous liquors.

Therefore, I John A. Quitman, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by the virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, remit all the fines against said Seth Cook, and the sum of one hundred dollars in which he was fined, as the consideration of the remission of all costs of the cases, and the costs in said cases.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of State at Jackson this 19th day of December 1839

By the Governor

R. Griffith
Secretary of State

Appointments by the Governor

In Militia

1st Brigade Inspector General, Colonel Commandant, with the rank of Brigadier General.

1st Lieut. Col. Commandant, Hinds, Quarter Master General, with the rank of Colonel.

1st D. G. Swartout, of Natchez, ~~Assistant Quarter Master~~ Aide-Camp, with the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

2d Thos. A. Marshburn, of Attakapas, Aide-de-Camp, with the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

3d J. A. Merrill, of Lexington, Aide de Camp, with the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

4th G. W. Hunter, of Warren, Aide de Camp, with the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

1st F. Saturnin, of Rankin, Assistant Quarter Master-General with the Rank of Major.

2d William A. Sharkey, of Warren, Assistant Quarter Master General with the Rank of Major.

3d John C. Rozet, of Madison, Assistant Quarter Master General, with the Rank of Major.

4th Samuel H. Lyon, of Claiborne, Assistant Quarter Master General, with the Rank of Major.

Having this day made the several staff appointments specified above, the officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Robin S. P. Cleus

Executive Office December 3d 1839

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Executive Office Jackson Miss. Jan. 17th 1860

To the House of Representatives and Senate:

Gentlemen;

It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the death of Col. B. K. Webb, Secretary of State. His remains are now at Mrs Dickson's, where he died yesterday morning at 7 O'Clock.

He was a gentleman, a christian and a patriot, a man of unblemished character, a faithful friend and a respected neighbor. Scarcely had he assumed the responsibility of the public trust committed to his care by the people of this State, ere he was summoned from our midst by the messenger of death.

No fitting comments this sad occurrence more than it, and, I ask you to join me in tendering condolence to his bereaved family.

John J. Pettus.

Executive Office Jackson Miss: Jan 19th 1860

To the President;

The Governor did on the 18th inst sign and approve Senate Bills, entitled

An Act to change the time of holding the Pontotoc County Court

110 and

An Act to extend to citizens the privilege of

111 Writs of Habeas Corpus.

and Resolution providing for the payment

112 of the boarding due Wm C. K. Dickson from the Penitentiary.

Respectfully

J. C. Campbell

Private Secretary

Executive Office Jackson Miss: Jan 20th 1860

Mr Speaker.

I herewith transmit to the House of Representatives the following Message of the Governor with accompanying documents

Respectfully

J. C. Campbell

Priv. Sec.

Governors Message

Executive Office Jackson Miss. Jan 20th 1860

To the Senate and House of Representatives;

Gentlemen;

I herewith transmit to you a copy of the Joint and Concurrent Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, in relation to the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Rail Road; and respectfully ask your early attention to this Subject.

John J. Pettus.

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Executive Office Jackson Miss. Jan 21st 18

Hon Speaker;

The Governor did on the 20th instant sign and approve House Bills, entitled.

113 An Act for the relief of A. Bizzell.

114 An Act in relation to trading boats and other water crafts in the County of Issaquena in this State

115 An Act to prevent the sale of vinous, spirituous or intoxicating Liquors within one mile of Bethlehem Post Office in Yalobusha County.

116 An Act to amend an Act entitled an act to Incorporate the Town of Biloxi approved Feb 18th 1830, and also to amend the same.

117 An Act for the benefit of Townships Five Range one East in the [illegible] County.

118 An Act for the benefit of Joseph B Guire of Bolivar County.

119 An Act for the relief of Joanna V. Cannon wife of [illegible] Cannon

120 An Act for the relief of William Webster a free person of color.

121 An Act to regulate the sale of vinous and spirituous liquors in the State of Alabama County.

122 An Act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the establishment of Common Schools in the counties of Hinds Holmes, Lowndes, Jefferson, Wilkinson, Laurence and Amite approved March 4th 1846 so far as the same relates to the County of Amite.

123 An Act to change the time of holding the Probate Courts of Jasper and Jackson Counties.

124 An Act for the relief of J. F. Wright, assignee of school lands in Township 23 Range 8 West in Bolivar County.

125 An Act to prevent the sale and distribution of vinous, spiritous and other intoxicating liquors in Carroll County and for other purposes.

126 An Act to amend the Charter of the Town of Kosciusko in the County of Attala.

127 An Act to more fully secure the three per cent Fund of Calhoun County and others purposes.

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128 An Act for the punishment of slaves convicted of the crime of Manslaughter.

129 An Act in relation to the Probate Court of Warren County.

130 An Act to regulate the time of returning executions and other Process for the collection of money for the County of Tallahatchie and for other purposes.

131 An Act for the relief of Stephen F. Power

132 An Act to amend an act entitled an act to amend the School laws of Marion County approved Nov. 14th 1837.

133 An Act to repeal an act passed and approved 14th of October 1852 to legalize the assessment of taxes in Lauderdale County for the year 1858 and for other purposes.

134 An Act to repeal an act entitled an act to prohibit the sale of vinous and spirituous liquors in the Town of Grenada Tallahatchie County and for other purposes" approved March 2d 1854

135 An Act to provide for and establish common schools in the County of Choctaw.

Respectfully
L. C. Campbell

Executive Office Jackson Miss. Jan 23d 1860

To the Adjutant General

Sir

You will please let Mr. J. D. Hardin, Superintendent of the Mississippi Penitentiary, have one Brass Pistol to be selected by Mr Harrell

Lohn J. Pettus.

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Executive Office Jackson Miss. Jan 23d 1860

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary — Greeting:

Whereas, one Mathew Conklin of Warren County was convicted at a regular term of the circuit court of Warren County about five years ago of an assault with intent to kill, and was sentenced to imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for ten years:

Now therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, fully and freely grant this my pardon to the said Mathew Conklin; and do require upon upon the receipt of these letters to release him from imprisonment.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi This the 23d day of January 1860.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

A. B. Dilworth
Sec. of State

(Conclusion of the Inaugural of Governor Pettus)

"I am aware that a touch of most unmanly, cherished sentiments of some of my fellow-citizens may have been taught to regard the Union as the paramount political good, and who believe that no Union of these States can ratify the sacrifices made by the sires of the Revolution.

I demand a different lesson from the history of that era. The fact that looms up on our vision, great and palpable as a mountain, is this, that the battle of the Revolution were not for that the colonies might be united, but that the colonies might be free; and perish every name among men if ever it was found setting the price of the government above the freedom of this people.

If the warring powers of the South be inadequate, in view of the many advantages they may claim, from their institutions to maintain a national majority from unmitigated fear of their ability to overthrow by the election of a Black Republican to the Presidency of the United States, I shall regard the institution of slavery as serious a curse to Mississippi in seeking for a convention of all the States interested in its perpetuation, for the adoption of such measures as the representatives of the Southern States may deem necessary for the preservation of that right which was sought for and with the blood of our Revolutionary sires, and which we cannot surrender without pecuniary ruin and political degradation the right to govern ourselves.

To this council I hope Mississippi will send her truest and best men; and when a line of policy shall have been marked out, that she will be found among the foremost of the defenders of the South, unawed by the threats of her open enemies, undeluded by pretended friends, who seek to induce them to buy a temporary respite by fatal concessions, that she will be found willing and ready to maintain her inalienable right of self-Government, even if compelled to defend it by a war as long as that by which it was first purchased. To serve and sustain her in such a conflict the South has a better cause, double the population and twenty times the resources of the thirteen Colonies, and if we have only half their courage we may yet remain free.

That wisdom may direct our councils that all our acts may tend to the promotion of the safety and the happiness of the people — let us invoke the aid of the Supreme Being without whose blessing patriots, statesmen and warriors may be "faithful, wise and brave in vain".

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jan 23d 1860

Wm Hayakers,

I herewith transmit to the House of Representatives the Governors Message on Federal Relations.

L. E. Campbell
Private Secretary

Governors Message on Federal Relations Jan 23d 1860

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

Gentlemen;

I herewith transmit, for your consideration, resolutions unanimously passed by the Legislature of South Carolina in relation to Federal affairs.

The Resolution, declaring that it is the deliberate judgment of the General Assembly, that the slave-holding States should immediately meet together and concert measures for united action, meets my unqualified approval; and, I earnestly recommend that Mississippi respond favorably to the invitation, and that such measures be adopted as may be necessary to have this State fully represented in the convention.

While preparing to meet our Southern sister States to concert united action, would it not be well for Mississippi to go as far as her constitutional obligations will permit, in so arranging her revenue laws, as to make her commerce less profitable to those who make war on her rights, and those who neglect the performance of their duty, as citizens, by failing to go to the polls and vote down the disturbers of the national peace? If it is true that tens of thousands of citizens of the free States do not vote, who, if awakened to a full knowledge of their danger, would go to the elections and put out of power those who have been fanning the flames of discord between the sections, would it not be wise to make some effort to compel them to lift their eyes from their private affairs and give some thought to their constitutional obligations to the citizens of the assailed States?

I see no mode of awakening the attention of the Northern people to the injuries done and the greater injuries threatened the Southern States, by the anti-slavery men of the North, than by refusing, as individuals, to continue to be their customers for the various commodities manufactured by them; and, as States, by imposing a tax on such commodities when offered for sale by merchants within the State. The disregarding of their constitutional obligations has been the cause of great loss of property to our citizens, and has compelled the State to expend large sums of money in preparing means of defence; and, it is but just, that the State should collect her revenue without special regard to the interest and convenience of those States that have exhibited no respect

for our interest, and honor and safety. I, therefore, recommend that such a tax, say five or ten per cent., be levied on all goods, wares and merchandise not manufactured in Mississippi that may be offered for sale in this State, as will most effectually relieve our citizens from the burthen of expensive preparation for their defense.

Should some inconvenience result to us from this, I doubt not that there will be found patriotism enough among the people to prompt them to imitate the example of their fathers, and submit to any privation, rather than continue to enrich those who persist in a course, which must end in the political degradation and pecuniary ruin of themselves and their children hereafter. Should this course result in an increase of Southern manufactures, it will render us more independent; should it lead to a less expensive mode of living and dress, it will add to our prosperity as a people and strengthen the State against her day of trial.

Nor ought the literature of the North to be exempt from this tax, as it is the medium through which our enemies have sought to poison the minds of the masses. It should be made to contribute to the cure of the evils it has caused; and, I, therefore, recommend the passage of a law requiring all book agents, who come to this State for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions for any book not printed in this State of Mississippi, to apply for and obtain license in each county through which they may pass on such business, under such penalty for refusing or neglecting the same, as will ensure compliance therewith; and, I also recommend, that such license be fifty dollars for each county.

If these measures meet the approval of the Legislature, I submit it to your better judgement, whether it would not be well to ask the co-operation of our Southern sister States in this line of policy.

Wm L. Sutton

Executive Office, Jackson Miss: Jan. 25th 1860.

Mr President;

The Governor did, on the 24th inst sign and approve Senate Bills, entitled;

136 An Act for the benefit of the Mississippi State Lunatic Asylum

137 An Act to annex certain additional townships to the First District of the Circuit and Chancery Courts of Hinds County.

138 An Act for the relief of John H Sutton, of Attala County

139 An Act supplemental to and amendatory of an Act in relation to the Circuit and Chancery Courts of Lichoming County approved Dec 14th 1859.

140 An Act to repeal a portion of an act entitled an act declaring Shawappa Old Town and Bar Creeks navigable Streams - approved Feb 5th 1840.

141 Resolution requiring the State Treasurer to furnish his annual report or to assign some reason for withholding it.

142 An Act making appropriation for the fitting up and furnishing the Executive Mansion.

148 An Act to refer to the legal voters of Buena Vista and Vicinity Chickasaw County the question of the sale of Vinous or Spiritous Liquors within a certain prescribed boundary

144 An Act to allow Druggists in the town of Hernando, Desoto County, to sell Vinous and Spiritous Liquors for Sacramental and Medical purposes.

145 A Bill for the relief of Johnson M. Hooper

146 A Bill for the relief of Lott M. Ellis deceased.

147 An Act to amend the Charter of the City of Jackson

Very Respectfully
J. C. Campbell
Private Secretary

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Executive Office Jackson Miss. Jan. 26th 1860

Mr Speaker;

The Governor did on the 24th inst sign and approve House Bills, Entitled

148 An Act concerning Public Roads in the County of Coahoma.

149 An Act in relation to the Swamp lands of Smith County.

150 An Act to authorize the Board of Police of Attala County to borrow the Swamp land fund of said County for the purpose of building a Court House.

151 An Act for the relief of John A. Martin of Attibbeha County.

152 An Act for the relief of the heirs of Thomas Guinea, deceased.

153 An Act for the relief of John L. Skinner.

154 An Act to authorize a re-assessment of the lands lying and being in the County of Hinds State of Mississippi.

155 An Act to secure and dispose of the funds arising from the sale of the Swamp and overflowed lands in the county of Pearl.

156 An Act to repeal an act, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize P. W. Hemphill, James Liddell and others to erect a Bridge or Ferry over Big Black River and construct a causeway through the swamps where the Road from Louisville to Carrollton crosses the same.

Respectfully
J. C. Campbell
Private Secretary

Proclamation

Executive Office
Jackson Miss: Jan 26th 1860

Lohn L. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi.
To the Sheriffs of the several Counties
of this State: Greeting:

Whereas a vacancy has occured in the office of Secretary of State, and whereas it is made my duty to issue a writ requiring you to hold an Election to fill said vacancy:

Now Therefore, I. John L. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your Counties on Monday the 2d day of April next for a Secretary of State to serve for the term specified by Law. Of said election you notice and carry out all the requisitions of An Act to regulate elections of this State, contained in the Revised Code to which your attention is hereby called.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Jackson on the 26th day of January A. D 1860 and of the sovereignty of Mississippi the forty third.

John L. Pettus

By the Governor

A. B. Dunlavorth
Sec of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss: Jan 26th 1861

Hon Speaker;

I herewith transmit to the House of Representatives a message of the Governor relative to the Mississippi State Hospital at Natchez.

Respectfully
J. A. Campbell
Private Secretary

Governor's Message.

To the Senate and House of Representatives.

Gentlemen;

I herewith transmit for your consideration the Report of the Board of Administrators of the Hospital of Mississippi at Natchez to gether with the Report of the Treasurer of said Hospital to said Board of Administrators.

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss. Jan 28th 1861

Hon President;

I herewith transmit to the Senate a message the Governor with an accompanying document.

Respectfully
J. A. Campbell
Private Secretary

Governor's Message

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

Gentlemen;

I herewith transmit for your consideration a letter from Hon Jas D. Johnston presenting to the State of Mississippi through her Chief Executive two portraits of distinguished men; one of David Holmes, first Governor of the State of Mississippi, and the other of Thos H. Williams, one of the United States Senators first chosen by Mississippi to represent her in the Congress of the United States; and I ask the Legislature to preserve them in such place and manner as they in their wisdom may see fit and proper.

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jan 28th 1861

Hon Speaker;

I herewith transmit to the House of Representatives a message of the Governor relative to the N. O. J. & G. N. R. R.

Respectfully
L. C. Campbell
Private Secretary

Governor's Message

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

Gentlemen;

I herewith transmit for your early consideration Preamble and Resolutions adopted by the City Council of New Orleans in relation to the New Orleans Jackson and Great Northern Rail Road.

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss: Jan 28th 1860

Mr President;

I have the honor to inform you that the Governor did on the 27th inst sign and approve Senate Bills Entitled

157 An Act for the relief of Sarah E. Jacobs and others.

158 An Act to protect persons and property on Railroads in this State

159 an Act to refund to Railroad Companies the amount of Rail Road tax collected by the Auditor of Public Accounts.

160 An Act to extend the time for holding the Police Court for Lowndes County.

161 An Act to amend Article Eight Sec one of Chapter two fifteen of the Revised Code.

162 An Act to authorize the republishing of an act herein defined.

163 An Act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Male and Female Academies of Houston, County of Chickasaw.

164 An Act to amend the fifty fourth Chapter of the Revised Code entitled "An act to provide for the punishment of Crimes and Misdemeanors.

165 A Bill entitled, an act to change the time of holding the Circuit Court of Scott County.

166 An Act to exempt certain lands from taxation.

167 An Act to amend the sixty third Chapter of the Revised Code entitled "An act to organize and define the powers of the High Court of Errors and Appeals.

168 An Act to amend the Charter of Corporation of the town of Carrollton in the County of Yallobusha.

Respectfully
Yr. Ob. Servt
Privt Secy

Executive Office January 31st 1860.

To the President:

I herewith transmit to the Senate a message of the Governor with an accompanying document.

Respectfully
J. C. Campbell
Priv. Sec.

Governor's Message

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jan 31st 1860.

To the Senate and House of Representatives

Gentlemen:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a Memorial, addressed to the Legislature of Mississippi, by sundry citizens of Wilkinson County in relation to changing the System of Patrols in this State.

John L. Peters

Executive Office Jackson Miss. Jan 31st 1860.

To the President:

The Governor did on the 31st inst sign & approve Senate Bills, entitled:

169 A Resolution granting leave of absence to Hon. Wm Cathcart.

170 An Act to establish a Turnpike Ferry or Bridge across Big Black and Bottom.

171 An Act to authorize the lease of a portion of the Sections of land on which the University is located.

172 An Act to amend the common school Laws of Pike County.

Respectfully
Jas. C. Campbell
Private Secretary

Executive Office Jackson Miss. Jan 31st 1860

To the Sheriff of Wilkinson County Greeting:

Whereas one R. D. McCraine a citizen of Wilkinson County in the State of Mississippi was at the June Term 1859 of the Circuit Court of said County fined the sum of one hundred dollars ($100 00) for non-attendance on said Court; and whereas said fine was made final at the December Term 1859 of the aforesaid Court:

Now therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, release the said R. D. McCraine from the payment of the aforesaid fine; and do require you to refrain from the collection thereof.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State. This the 31st of January 1860.

By the Governor: John J. Pettus.

S. B. Dillworth
Sec of State

173 Mr Speaker

The Governor did on the 2d inst sign and approve "House Bill, entitled

An Act to establish in the County of Warren an Inferior Court of Criminal Jurisdiction."

Respectfully
J. C. Campbell
Private Secretary

Mr Speaker

174 The Governor did on the 1st inst sign and approve House Bills entitled

An Act regulating payments into the State Treasury on account of sales of Internal improvement and Swamp Lands, and sales of the Code of Mississippi.

175 An Act for the relief of Thomas Crenshaw a free man of color of Copiah County.

176 Also on the 2d inst

An Act to authorize Margaret C. Grimes to convey property

177 An Act to provide for the punishment of crimes and misdemeanors.

178 An Act to change the time of holding the Probate Court of Choctaw County.

Feb 3rd 1860

179 An Act to amend the act entitled an act to establish a criminal Court in the County of Warren.

Respectfully
J. C. Campbell
Private Secretary

Executive Office Jackson Miss. Feb 4th 1860

To the President
The Governor did on the 3d inst sign and approve Senate Bill, Entitled

180 An Act to incorporate the Holmes County Manufacturing Co's Company.

Respectfully
J. C. Campbell
Private Secretary

Executive Office Jackson Miss. Feb 4th 1860

To the Speaker
The Governor did on the 3d inst sign and approve House Bills Entitled.

181 ~~An Act~~ Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi in relation to the presentation of a sword to Major Earl Van Dorn of the United States Army.

182 An Act to repeal in part an act incorporating the Town of Benda in Calhoun County.

183 An Act to repeal an act passed 28th February 1854

184 An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs at law of Daniel Robinson deceased.

185 An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs of Magnus L. Haynard

186 An Act for the relief of William O. Howard of Loahoma County.

187 An Act to revive certain Acts in relation to the town of Friar's Point.

188 An Act to appoint Commissioners of the Town of Delta.

189 An Act conferring additional powers upon the Board of Homochitto Commissioners.

190 An Act for the relief of B. F. King.

H. No. 1460

191 An Act to incorporate the Neal Male and Female Academy in Green County and for other purposes.

192 An Act to reduce into one title several acts incorporating the Town of Okaloosa in the County of Chickasaw.
Also on the 6th inst

193 An Act further to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad Company approved March 6th 1856.

194 An Act to incorporate the Southern Insurance Company

Respectfully
L. O. Campbell
Private Secretary

Executive Office Feb 9th 1860

Mr President

The Governor did on the 6th inst sign and approve Senate Bills; Entitled

195 An Act to incorporate the Grenada Houston and Eastern Rail Road Company
Also on the 4th inst

196 An Act to incorporate the Pleasants Toll Bridge Company in the County of Clarke.

197 An Act authorizing certain fines and penalties to be paid to the Treasurer of the County of Hinds.

Respectfully
L. O. Campbell
Private Secretary

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Governor's Message

Executive Office Jackson Miss. Feb. 7th 1860

To the Senate of Mississippi:

Gentlemen

I hereby communicate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, will appoint F. A. Hunt, Wm H. Bracon and A. P. Barnes trustees of the Institution for the Dea and Dumb in the State of Mississippi.

I also transmit for your early consideration a Circular of the American Association in London.

Colin S. Potts

Feb 1860

Mr Speaker

The Governor did on the 7th inst sign and approve Senate bills, in title:

145 An Act for the relief of William A. Lund and the heirs of P. G. Wilson deceased

199 An Act in regard to the Clerks in the Auditor's Office.

200 An Act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Louisville Bridge Company and for other purposes, approved November 27th 1838.

201 An Act ~~entitled an act~~ to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the New Orleans and Ohio Telegraph Lines and to change the name to that of the South Western Telegraph Company.

202 An Act to repeal the law incorporating the town of Raleigh in Smith County.

203 An Act for the relief of Jas L. Britton.

204 An Act for the relief of Thomas W. Broughton Treasurer of Claiborne County

205 An Act to repeal Article 12 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Code so far as relates to the Counties of Amite, Pike and Pontotoc

206 An Act to confirm the sale of fractional Lot No 7 North in the City of Jackson made by the Auditor and Treasurer of the State of Mississippi to R. H. Clark and for other purposes.

207 An Act for the benefit of Schools in Township 5 Range 3 East in the County of Rankin.

208 A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi to the Congress of the United States in relation to the location of a Navy Yard at the Bay of Biloxi in this State

209 An Act for the relief of Arthur R. Barbour and for other purposes.

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210 An Act to incorporate Brookville in Noxubee County.

211 An Act to change the time of holding the Police Court in the County of Rankin.

212 An Act for the relief of Braxton Parkman of Laurence County.
Also on 7th & 8th

213 An Act for the relief of William J. Wammack of Desoto County.

Respectfully
J. C. Campbell
Private Secretary.

Executive Office Feb 10th 1860

Hon Speaker

The Governor did on the 9th inst sign and approve House Bills entitled

214 An Act to annex a part of Tallahatchie County to the County of Sunflower and for other purposes.

Also on the 8th inst

215 An Act for the relief of William Gallaher, J. J. Gallaher, C. D. ~~Gallaher~~ Key, David Gallaher and Robt Davenporte.

216 An Act to declare Silver Creek in Yazoo County a navigable Stream and for other purposes.

217 An Act to amend an act entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for an additional Justice of the Peace in the Town of Ripley Tippah County and for other purposes: approved Feb 18th 1856.

218 An Act for the benefit of the Fayette Female Academy in the County of Jefferson.

219 An Act to repeal several parts of acts relative to vinous and spirituous liquors so far as they are in force in the City of Raleigh in the County of Smith also Township Four Range seven.

220 An Act for the better protection of the State Capitol from fire and for other purposes.

221 An Act to amend Art 172 of Ch. 22 of Chapter 60 of the revised Code of Mississippi.

222 An Act supplemental to an act entitled "an act authorizing the closing of Richardson's Bayou in the County of Yazoo" approved Dec 9th 1858

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223 An Act to amend An Act entitled an act to incorporate the Shelby Springs and Hickory Flat Plank Road Company or Turnpike Company

Citizen Ala Print

224 An Act to amend An Act entitled an act to incorporate the Montgomery and Bayless Ferry Company

225 An Act to incorporate the City of N. H. Shepherd of Calhoun County

Citizen Ala Print

226 An Act to prohibit the sale of Intoxicating Liquors within three miles of Livingston in Sumter County

Citizen Ala Print

227 An Act to authorize the Southern Rail Road Company to relinquish its alignment in the Cahaba River and re-bridge the same.

Respectfully
J. C. Campbell
Perry Co.

228 An Act to provide for the support of the Deaf and Dumb Institution for the ensuing fiscal year ending Sept 30th 1880

229 An Act to incorporate Robt W. Jones a Levee and Drainage District in Pickens and Choctaw Counties

230 An Act authorizing the Governor to issue certificates of stock to the State of Alabama in the Tuscaloosa & Elyton Turnpike Company

231 An Act to provide for the support of the Deaf and Dumb Institution for the ensuing fiscal year

232 An Act to confer upon the Probate Court of Limestone County jurisdiction of the estate of Robt. Yates, deceased.

233 An Act to transfer certain collections in Chancery Districts named.

233 An Act to amend article No 40 of the attachment Laws of this State.

234 An Act to authorize the establishment of Private Burying Grounds.

235 An Act to incorporate the Columbus and Tennessee Rail Road Company.

236 An Act to increase the Jury of Jurors.

237 An Act for the benefit of Franklin Academy in the Town of Columbus.

238 Resolution that leave of absence, not to exceed three months in each year be granted to the Hon Thos J. Wharton for the years 1860 and 1861

239 An Act to compel the attendance of witnesses before the Grand Jury and for other purposes.
Also on the 10th inst

240 An Act to incorporate the Lake County Rail Road Company.

241 An Act to incorporate the Town of Athens in the County of Monroe.

242 An Act to extend the provisions of an act for the relief of the State University approved March 6th 1856, to the University of Miss. for two years after the 6th of March next and for other purposes.

243 An Act to incorporate the Aberdeen Masonic Male High School.

244 An Act for better securing to purchers of Swamp Lands in Harrison County titles to the same.

245 An Act to prohibit the sale of vinous and Spiritous liquors in Township 21 of Range 4 East in the County of Carroll.
Also on the 9th inst

246 An Act to provide for and regulate divorces.

247 An Act in relation to the Circuit and Chancery Courts in Lawrence County.

248 An Act to provide for the transfer of the Stock of the State of Mississippi in the New Orleans Jackson and Great Northern Rail Road to the Mississippi Central Rail Road and the Mobile and Ohio Rail Road and the Gulf and Ship Island Rail Road Company.

249 An Act in relation to the Criminal Court of Warren County.

250 Memorial to Congress.

251 An Act to regulate the fees of the Clerks of the Circuit Court and the Chancery Courts of the County of Hinds.

252 An Act to prohibit traffic at private landings on the Mississippi River without the consent of owners.

253 An Act to authorize and require the Board of Police of Choctaw and Winston Counties to hold an election in certain Townships and localities in said Counties for the purposes expressed in this Act.

254 An Act to prosecute the geological survey of the State of Mississippi and for other purposes.

255 A Bill supplemental to an act entitled an Act in relation to the Circuit and Chancery Courts in the County of Lawrence

256 An Act to authorize — Any Person to recieve from the proper authorities license to practice law in any of the Courts of this State.

257 Resolution in relation to the appointment of a Commissioner to investigate the seminary fund and other similar matters.

258 An Act to empower the inspectors of the Mississippi Penitentiary to contract for and purchase a certain lot of Land therein described.

259 An Act to further amend the Laws in relation to the sale of Vinous and Spirituous Liquors within the prescribed limits of the University of the State of Mississippi

260 An Act to ratify sales of Sec. 16 Township 2 Range 14. in the County of Clark

261 An Act to aid in the construction of the Grenada and Houston and Eastern Rail Road.

262 An Act to amend the Law relating to paupers.

263 Resolution accepting the Portraits of David Robins and Thos H. Williams presented by James C. Johnson of Jefferson County.

264 An Act to authorize the Board of Police of Holmes County to salary its secretary and publish its proceedings.

265 An Act for the collection and preservation of the annals relating to the Battery District.

Respectfully
J. C. Campbell
Pons Sec:

Proclamation

Executive Office, Jackson Miss. Feb 11th 1860

John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi:

To the Sheriff of Warren County:— Greeting:

Whereas by an act of the Legislature the Offices of Judge and District Attorney of the Inferior Criminal Court of Warren County have been created; and whereas it is made my duty to issue a writ requiring you to hold an election to fill said Offices;

Now, therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your County on Monday the 2d day of April next for one Judge and one District Attorney of the Inferior Criminal Court of Warren County to serve for the term specified by Law. At said election you will notice and carry out all the requisitions of Law and make due returns thereof as hereby prescribed.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on the 11th day of Feb A.D. 1860 and of the sovereignty of the State of Mississippi the Sixty Third

By the Governor
John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss: Feb: 13th 1860

The Governor has signed and approved the following Bills to wit

266 An Act to authorize the proof of open accounts in certain cases.

267 An Act for the relief of B. D. Chase, of the City Natchez

268 An Act for the relief of purchasers of the sixteenth sections of land in Jasper and Franklin Counties.

269 An Act to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the time of holding the Circuit Court of Madison County approved 10th November 1838.

270 An Act to amend an act entitled an act to amend the Charter of the City of Jackson.

271 An Act to amend the swamp laws of Franklin and Amite Counties.

272 An Act for the relief of C. W. Miller of Lafayette County.

273 An Act for the relief of William K. Pasly, and John G. Leatherwood in the County of Chickasaw.

274 An Act to regulate the compensation of the Probate Clerk of Carroll County in certain cases.

275 An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Tyro Educational Association.

276 An Act to authorize the Board of Police of Covington County to reduce the price of swamp and overflowed land in said County.

277 An Act to grant Lorenzo R. Stewart, late Sheriff of Yalobusha County additional time for the payment of the sum due by him to the State.

278 An Act to more effectually prevent Hawking and Peddling by non-residents in this State.

279 An Act for the benefit of the Probate Judges of Hinds and other counties.

280 An Act to authorize the Board of Police of Lowndes County to invest the three per cent fund due said County in the Ripley Rail Road.

281 An Act to prohibit the sale of wines and spiritous liquors in the Town of Columbus in Lowndes County and the vicinity thereof.

282 An Act to amend the road laws of Washington County.

283 An Act in relation to the Bank of Mississippi incorporated by act of February 26. 1836. as the "Lake Washington and Deer Creek Creek Rail Road and Banking Company" and whose name and style were changed to "The Bank of Mississippi" by act Approved Feb. 16. 1838.

284 An Act to provide for the sale of Swamp lands in Wilkinson County.

285 An Act for the relief of Sim Wall a free man of color

286 An Act to prevent the destruction of Oysters in this State

287 An Act to extend the time for the completion of the New Orleans Jackson and Great Northern Rail Road and for other purposes

288 An Act to provide for the taking of the census of the State of Mississippi in the year 1860.

289 An Act to incorporate the "Brandon State Military Institute.

290 An Act to regulate the trial of slaves in capital cases.

291 An Act for the relief of John A. & B. Rae in confirming title to W½ and S. E. ¼ of Section 16, in Township 7 North of Range 6 West in Wayne County.

292 An Act to authorize the Board of Police of Issaquena County to regulate and fix the per diem and mileage of its members.

293 An Act to make appropriations for the support of the Mississippi State Lunatic Asylum

294 An Act to amend an act to incorporate the City of Canton, - Approved Feb. 12. 1856.

295 An Act to authorize the Board of Police of Madison County to purchase a half section of land for the use of paupers

296 An Act for the relief of Mrs F. A. Nietsche of Scott County.

297 An Act for the relief of William F. Smith

298 An Act to incorporate the Town of Banner in Calhoun County

299 An Act to more fully secure the school funds of Calhoun County, and define the duty of County Treasurer

300 An Act to incorporate the Town of Ellis town in the County of Pontotoc.

301 An Act to incorporate the Liberty and Magnolia Rail Road Company.

302 An Act further to remedy the evils occasioned by the burning of the Court House of Attala County.

303 An Act to Charter a Turnpike across Hell Creek Swamp in Lipscomb County Mississippi

304 An Act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a Hospital in the Town of Grand Gulf. Approved February 23. 1842.

305 An Act to incorporate the Town of Rock Ford in Pontotoc County.

306 An Act to amend the tenth Chapter of the Revised Code, entitled an act in relation to the State Library

307. An Act for the benefit of the children of 2nd Township 3 Range 2 E in the County of Rankin

308 An Act to release to the heirs of William H. Compton the interest of the State of Mississippi in and to certain lands therein described

309 An Act for the benefit of Ann Mattau a free woman of color.

310 An Act to aid indigent children in the County of Okitibbeha in procuring an education, and for other purposes

311 An Act to regulate the sales of wines and spiritous liquors within the limits of Sec 23. 24. 25 and 26 in Township 6 Range 1 West in Marshall County.

312 An Act to enable James Porterfield son of William Porterfield to sell and convey a lot of ground in the City of Vicksburg

313 An Act to amend an act to render inoperative the several acts heretofore passed in relation to Sixteenth and Common schools so far as the same relates to Hinds County.

314 An Act to prevent the sale of wines or spiritous liquors in the Town of Dannville in Yalobusha County.

315 An Act to incorporate the Carroll County Manufacturing Company

316 An Act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Town of Oakland in Yallobusha County approved February 28th 1848

317 An Act to amend an act approved Feb. 5th 1836 to incorporate the Town of Huntsville in Chactaw County and for other purposes.

318 An Act to authorize R. C. Moore Guardian of the persons and property of Sophia N. Moore and Mary C. Lieves to sell N. E¼ of S. 15 and N. W¼ and W½ of N. E¼ of S. 11, and E½ of S. E¼ of S. 10 in T. 16. R. 3. West in Washington county

319 An Act to amend the 8 Section of the 14th Article of Chapter 36 of the Revised Code in relation to satisfying Mortgages and Deeds of Trust.

320 An Act to amend an act establishing Circuit Courts &c so far as it relates to the Compensation of witnesses.

321 An Act for the benefit of the Sheriff of Hinds County.

322 An Act to remove the legal disabilities of Emily Hearn.

323 An Act to prevent the sale of vinous and spirituous liquors within three miles of Hot Springs Academy in Calhoun County.

324 An Act to reduce the penalty of the bonds of Justices of the Peace and Constables in the County of Hancock and for other purposes.

325 ~~X~~ Resolutions in relation to our Representatives in Congress.

326 An Act to incorporate the Pic Kinsville Branch Rail Road Company

327 An Act to amend Art. 21. Sec. 4. Chap. 15 of the Revised Code in relation to collecting fines of defaulting Road hands.

328 An Act to repeal all laws heretofore passed declaring & making the Pickasahuy River in the Eastern part of this State.

329 An Act to incorporate "Willard" Male and Female Academies at the Village of Hamillens Cross Roads in DeSoto County Miss

330 An Act to amend Article 13. of Chapter 20. of the Revised Code of Mississippi

331 An Act to incorporate the Amite County Female Academy located in the Town of Liberty in Amite County;

332 An Act to transfer the County of Sunflower to the Third District for the election of Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals.

333 An Act to submit to the voters of Lesaguena County the question whether the County site shall be removed from its present location on the Mississippi River to some point on Deer Creek.

334 An Act in relation to schools and school lands in Township 17 Range 5 East in Warren County

335 An Act to incorporate the Natchez Hotel Company.

336 An Act to incorporate the Town of Senatobia in the County of Desoto.

337 An Act to amend the various acts of Incorporation of the Town of Coffeeville in the County of Ballobusha and for other purposes

338 An Act to incorporate Wilson's Hall in Marshall County.

339 An Act to amend the act providing for the establishment of the Probate Courts &c.

340 An Act to establish a system of Common schools in the County of Oakhoma and for other purposes.

341 An Act for the benefit of Township 10 Range 5 East in Madison County.

342 An Act to incorporate the town of Vaiden in the County of Carroll.

343 An Act to protect Levees constructed in Warren County from injury

344 An Act further to regulate the Militia and Volunteer system.

345 An Act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the 8th Judical District.

346 An Act to incorporate the Town of Meadville in Franklin County.

347 An Act to incorporate the Masonic Female Seminary in the County of Marshall.

348 Resolutions in relation to the Southern Pacific Rail Road.

349 An Act to provide and establish common schools in the County of Noxubee

350 An Act to incorporate the City of Meridian.

351 An Act to provide for the sale of goods, wares and Merchandise manufactured in the Mississippi Penitentiary, and for other purposes.

352 An Act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within the town of Osyaba, in the County of Lipscomb, or within one mile thereof

353 An Act entitled an act for the benefit and protection of "Odd Fellows Rest," Aberdeen - Mississippi.

354 An Bill to be entitled an act in relation to the swamp and overflowed lands in the County of Rankin.

355 X Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi to the Congress of the United States in relation to public lands within six miles of the Mobile and Ohio Rail Road.

356 X An Act for the benefit of the Hon. B.R. Webb, late Secretary of State.

357 An Act to amend the fourteenth Chapter of the Revised Code entitled "an act concerning marriages, divorces and the separate property of married women.

358 An Act to better provide for the drainage of swamp and overflowed lands in Harrison County.

359 An Act to incorporate Independent Fire Engine Company No 1, of the City of Vicksburg.

360 An Act to aid in the construction of the New Orleans Jackson and Great Northern Rail Road in the County of Attala

361 An Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a tax in the lands in Lowndes County for the purpose of making roads and bridges.

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363 An Act to incorporate the Warren County agricultural Society

363 An Act to incorporate Magnolia Lodge No 16 at Warrenton in Warren County.

364 An Act amending Chapter 13 of the Revised Code so far as the same applies to the County of Warren.

365 An Act to confer additional powers on the Board of Administrators of the Mississippi State Hospital

366 An Act to protect the County Employees against Cattle, on the property of residents or land owners there

367 An Act to increase the salary of the Probate Judge of Sunflower County.

368 Resolution in relation to the Auditor's Office

369 An Act to provide for the payment of the indebtedness of certain Counties of the Mississippi Levee District.

370 An Act to change the County of Bolivar to the Third District for the elections of Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals.

371 An Act to incorporate the Town of McNutt in the County of Sunflower.

372 An Act to amend an act to provide for the payment of interest on the Chickasaw School Fund and for other purposes.

373 An Act to incorporate the Jackson Gas Light Company.

374 An Act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within the Town of Rockville in the County of Leflore or within one mile and a half thereof.

375 An Act to legalize the leases of certain sixteenth section lands in Kemper County.

376 An Act to provide for the support of Lunatics in certain Cases.

377 An Act to provide for the removal of old buildings and Nuisances from the Public grounds and other purposes.

378 An Act to appropriate $10,000 to the repair and improvement of the Public buildings and grounds

379 An Act Amendatory of the Law of descents & distributions.

380 An Act to regulate the venue of actions against Rail Road Corporations.

381 An Act to regulate Common Schools and school funds in the County of Wayne.

382 An Act to increase the fee for apprehending runaway slaves in the Counties of Lowndes, Oktibbeha Bolivar, Washington and Issaquena.

383 An Act to amend the Law relative to estrays.

384 An Act to prohibit the sale and gratuitous distribution of vinous, spirituous and fermented liquors within four miles of Westville Lizzie in Simpson County and for other purposes.

385 Resolution granting leave of absence to Hon Hiram Cassedy.

386 An Act to regulate the collection of debts against absconding debtors.

387 An Act to incorporate the North Alabama Telegraph Company.

388 An Act to prevent injuries to ditches across public Roads.

389 An Act to loan at interest the fund arising from the sale of submerged lands in Choctaw County.

390 An Act to provide additional compensation to the Clerk of the Police Court in Tuscaloosa County.

391 An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Deer Creek Rail Road Company.

392 An Act to provide for the better securing of titles to lands held and claimed under tax sales and tax titles.

Executive Office Jackson Miss: February 13th 1860

To the Sheriff of Pike County:— Greeting

Whereas one Ane A. J. E. Stuart late of Pike County State of Mississippi was at the September Term 1859 of the Circuit Court of said County, convicted on an indictment for Assault and Battery committed upon the person of one Abraham Taylor; and, whereas he was by John E. McFarr Judge of said Circuit Court fined One Hundred dollars and sentenced to imprisonment in the County Jail of the County of Pike for the space of six hours.

Now Therefore I, John J. Peters Governor of the State of Mississippi do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, remit said sentence of imprisonment for six hours, and do require you upon the receipt of these Letters to refrain from the carrying into execution said sentence of imprisonment.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 13th day of February 1860.

John J. Peters

(Seal)

By the Governor:

A. B. Dilworth
Secretary of State

Governors Message

Feb 10th

Executive Office Jackson Miss: Feb. 10th 1860

To the Senate of Mississippi

Gentlemen

I hereby nominate, and ask your advice & consent to the appointment of N. W. Boyd John W. Robinson and John Duncan Trustees of the Institution for the Blind in Mississippi.

John J. Peters

Executive Office Jackson Mississippi Feb. 13th 1860

John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi:

To the Sheriff of Lishomingo County: Greeting

Whereas One Lyon Nucum a citizen of Lishomingo County and State of Mississippi was at the last September Term of the Circuit Court of said County convicted of Murder and sentenced to be hung, and a writ of error had and obtained to the High Court of Errors and Appeals; and whereas the said High Court of Errors & Appeals has affirmed the judgement of the Court below and set Friday the 16th day of March 1860 for the execution of said Lyon Nucum:

Now therefore, I. John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi do by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, respite said sentence until Friday the 22d day of June A. D. 1860 and do require & you upon the receipt of these letters to refrain from carrying into execution said sentence until Friday 22d day of June A. D. 1860

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on the 13th day of February A. D. 1860 and of the sovereignty of Mississippi the fourty third

John J. Pettus

{Seal}

By the Governor:

A. G. Dilworth
Sec. of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss. Feb 10th 1860

Hon Secretary,

I hereby deliver to the House of Representatives a message of the Governor, relative to the Petition for Liberty and Magnolia Rail Road Company, together with said Petition.

Very Respectfully
R. C. Campbell
Private Secretary

Governor's Message

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

Gentlemen;

I herewith return to the House of Representatives a Bill entitled, "A Bill to incorporate the Liberty and Magnolia Rail Road Company, and for other purposes" becoming a law. This act of incorporation grants to the Company the right of way through the State lands over the route of the road, and also the privilege of using timber from the public lands for its construction, repairs and improvements. Believing that the granting provisions contained in the 5th section of this act, and the 4th section of the act to which it is amendatory, are in violation of the rights of the Southern Rail Road Company, and other roads, and also believing that it is unwise and impolitic to grant such exemptions, I return this Bill without my approval.

Section 5th of the Act grants to the New Orleans Jackson and Great Northern Rail Road Company, "the right of way through the State lands over the route of said road, and the right to take from the public lands adjacent thereto, timber, stone, gravel, and other materials necessary for the construction, repairs and improvement of said road, and the use of such lands for depot grounds and other necessary purposes, not exceeding in the whole one hundred feet in width, nor more than two depots in each county through which said road may pass."

Section 4th of the Act to which this is amendatory, grants to the Liberty and Magnolia Rail Road Company the right of way through the State lands over the route of said road, and the right to take from the public lands adjacent thereto, timber, stone, gravel, and other materials necessary for the construction, repairs and improvement of said road, and the use of such lands for depot grounds and other necessary purposes, not exceeding in the whole one hundred feet in width, nor more than two depots in each county through which said road may pass.

The New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Rail Road Company, and the Southern Rail Road Company claim a similar exemption by reason of the fifth section of their Charter or Right of way.

Believing that it is the true policy of the State to encourage the progress of such works as Rail Roads, by granting to them such privileges as are necessary to their successful construction, I have no objection to the exemption of the right of way, depot grounds, timber, stone, gravel, and other materials necessary for the construction, repairs and improvement of the Liberty and Magnolia Rail Road Company, from taxation, but I am opposed to granting the right to take timber, stone, gravel, and other materials from the public lands for the construction, repairs and improvement of said road, and the use of such lands for depot grounds and other necessary purposes, not exceeding in the whole one hundred feet in width, nor more than two depots in each county through which said road may pass.

John J. Pettus

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Executive Chamber, City of Jackson.
August 30th 1866

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary—Greeting:
Whereas the term of one Thos G. Holmes, sentenced for
Rankin County—charged with Larceny, expires on the 31st inst. and
has conducted himself well during imprisonment;
Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the
State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the
Constitution and Laws of this State, do fully pardon said Thos G.
Holmes; and do require you, upon the receipt of these Letters to
release him from imprisonment.

Given under my hand and the Great
Seal of the State of Mississippi, this the
30th day of August 1866

(Seal)

By the Governor

John J. Pettus

E. A. Burgher
Sec of State

1860

State of Mississippi

Executive Office Jackson Miss Feb 17th 1860

To His Excellency, the Governor of the State of _____

Sir

I am directed by the Governor of this State to request his receipt of twelve copies of Journals, Reports, Reports &c. transmitted to him by your Excellency.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
E. C. Thompson
Private Secretary

Executive Office Jackson Miss. March 8th 1860

To the Sheriff of Lowndes County Greeting

Whereas, one Isaac White Stands at the said Circuit Court of said County indicted three hundred dollars and remains in the County Jail for want of bail

Now therefore, I John J. Peters, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State, hereby grant unto said Isaac White pardon for the said offence upon the receipt of these presents from said Isaac White of the sum of fifty dollars.

(Seal)

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Jackson this the 8th day of March A.D. 1860

John J. Peters

N. B. Dilworth
Sec. of State

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Executive Office Jackson Miss. March 8th

To the Sheriff of Lauderdale County — Greeting

Whereas, one Jno M. Lowry, was, at the late February Term of the Circuit Court of said County convicted of Larceny and sentenced to three months imprisonment in the Penitentiary:

Now Therefore, I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, fully and freely pardon the said Jno M. Lowry; and do require upon the receipt of these letters, to release him from imprisonment and not commit him to the Penitentiary.

{Seal} Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 8th day of March A. D 1860.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
A. B. Dilworth
Sec: of State

Executive Office
Jackson March 10th 1860

To the Sheriff of Lauderdale County: Greeting

Whereas, one Jno M. Lowry, was, at the late February Term of the Circuit Court of said County convicted of Larceny and sentenced to three months imprisonment in the State Penitentiary;

Now Therefore, I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, fully and freely pardon the said Jno M. Lowry; and do require upon the receipt hereof to release him from imprisonment.

In testimony whereof I hereunto execute my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 10th day of March A. D. 1860.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:
A. B. Dilworth
Secretary of State

Executive Office

To All to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Know ye, That I, Adelbert Ames, Governor of the State of Mississippi, have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of said State to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Jackson, on this the thirteenth day of March A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and of the Sovereignty of the State of Mississippi the forty-third.

By the Governor:

A. B. Gilmartin
Secretary of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss. March 17th 1860

To the Sheriff of Lafayette County, Greeting

You are hereby authorized and required to suspend the collection of the forfeiture of the recognizance taken on the 17th day of March A. D. 1859 and entered of record in the Circuit Court of said County against C. H. Sanders and C. H. Kirke - his (their) securities for the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars ($150.00) each, making in all three hundred dollars ($300.00) until the next meeting of the Legislature of this State, unless sooner directed by an act of the Legislature.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 17th day of March A. D. 1860

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

J. B. Dilworth
Secretary of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss March 17th 1860

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, Greeting

Whereas it has been represented to me that Orin Andrews, convicted in the Circuit Court of Lafayette County at the March Term 1859 of said Court of the crime of Manslaughter and sentenced to the Penitentiary for the period of two years, and whereas it is represented that the term of confinement will expire on the 20th inst.

Now therefore, I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, fully and freely pardon the said Orin Andrews and do require you upon the receipt hereof to release him from imprisonment.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 19th day of March A. D. 1860

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

J. B. Dilworth
Secretary of State

Executive Office Little Rock March 20th 1860

To the Sheriff of Pulaski County - Greeting

Whereas at the March Term A. D. 1860 of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, State of Arkansas, J. H. R. Taylor was convicted of violating the Law against retailing spirituous liquors in quantities less than one gallon and sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred dollars (100.00) and to be imprisoned in the County Jail for the term of six months (180 days) and

Whereas at the March Term A. D. 1860 of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, State of Arkansas, Samuel Peters was convicted of violating the Law against retailing spirituous liquors in quantities less than one gallon and sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred dollars (100.00) and to be imprisoned in the County Jail for the term of six months (180 days) and

Now therefore I Isaac Murphy Governor of the State of Arkansas by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do hereby remit the said J. H. R. Taylor from the two sentences of imprisonment, and also remit upon the receipt hereof the sentence of imprisonment against Samuel Peters, and do hereby direct that the said sentences of imprisonment and each of them be not carried into execution.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at the City of Little Rock on this the 20th day of March A. D. 1860

By the Governor:
F. W. Dilworth
Sec'y of State

Isaac Murphy

Executive Office Little Rock March 20th 1860

To the Sheriff of Pulaski County - Greeting

Whereas at the March Term A. D. 1860 of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, State of Arkansas, Samuel Peters was convicted of violating the Law against retailing spirituous liquors in quantities less than one gallon and sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred dollars (100.00) and to be imprisoned in the County Jail for the term of six months (180 days) and

Now therefore I Isaac Murphy Governor of the State of Arkansas by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do hereby remit the said Samuel Peters from the two sentences of imprisonment, and also remit upon the receipt hereof the sentence of imprisonment against Samuel Peters, and do hereby direct that the said sentences of imprisonment and each of them be not carried into execution.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at the City of Little Rock on this the 20th day of March A. D. 1860

By the Governor:
F. W. Dilworth
Sec'y of State

Isaac Murphy

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Executive Office Jackson Miss. March 29th 1860

To the Sheriff of Marshall County. Greeting;

Whereas one C. C. Whitten of Marshall County at the late September Term 1859 of the Circuit Court of said County, was indicted and convicted of uttering a forged instrument and sentenced to the penitentiary for the term of two years and one month, and a fine of one hundred dollars (100) and the costs of prosecution, and whereas the said C. C. Whitten was remanded to the custody of the Sheriff of said County to be dealt with according to law, and whereas the said C. C. Whitten has been imprisoned in the penitentiary for the term of one year and nine months and has paid the fine and costs of prosecution, and whereas the said C. C. Whitten has petitioned me for a pardon, and whereas it appears to my satisfaction that the said C. C. Whitten has served out the time for which he was sentenced to the penitentiary, and has paid the fine and costs of prosecution, and that he is a proper subject for executive clemency, now therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, release the said C. C. Whitten from the sentence of one year and nine months imprisonment, and also the payment of the fine and costs of prosecution, and restore him to all the rights of citizenship, hereby requiring him to refrain from violating the laws of this State, under the penalty of forfeiture of this pardon, and the sentence aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at the City of Jackson on this the 29th day of March A. D. 1860

By the Governor:

J. J. Pettus.

F. M. Dimmock
Secty of State

Executive

State of Mississippi Executive Office Jackson Miss. March 24th 1860

To the Sheriff of Yalobusha County. Greeting.

Know ye, that I, hereby am thereby and hereby commanded to cause to be released the collection of two certain executions issued upon the recognizances of William W. Davis against Nancy H. Davis in the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars ($160.00) each made final at the March Term A. D. 1860 of the Circuit Court of Yalobusha County, until the next meeting of the Legislature of this State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 24th day of March A. D. 1860

By the Governor:

J. J. Pettus.

F. M. Dimmock
Secty of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss. April 4th 1860

To the Sheriff of Marshall County Greeting

Whereas one John C. Chew was at the late March Term 1860 of the Circuit Court of Marshall County duly indicted and convicted of using a Bowie Knife in a Street Fight, for which he was sentenced to three months imprisonment in the County Jail and fined three hundred Dollars ($300.00) by said Court:

Now Therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the Power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, release the said John C. Chew from the said sentence of three months imprisonment; and do require you upon the receipt hereof to refrain from carrying the same into execution.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 4th day of April A. D. 1860

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:
A. B. Dilworth
Secty of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss. April 7th 1860

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 1 Copy of 6 Michigan Reports Vol. 3 & Code

Very Respectfully
L. C. Campbell
Privt Sec:

Hon E. O. Thompson
Lansing
Mich.

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Executive Office Eastern District
Frankfort 10 Mch 1860

To the Sheriff of Breckinridge County Greeting.

Whereas at the November Term 1859 of the Circuit Court of Breckinridge County Lyre G. Rue was indicted & convicted of Murder of Calvin Breeze and sentenced to be hung, from which a writ of Error had to the Ct. Court of Appeals and said Court upheld the decision of the Court below. Now this is to command you that on Friday the 11th day of May next you cause the said Lyre G. Rue to be hung by the neck until he is dead, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 2 o'clock P.M. of said day, and you will make return of your proceedings hereon to my office within 30 days thereafter.

Given under my hand this 10th day of March 1860

Beriah Magoffin

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
April 20th 1860

Dear Sir

I acknowledge the receipt of the Laws of Ohio, Senate and House Journals 1859 Documents 1858. 2 Vol. Ag Report 1858 Report Treas. Invest. Com. Ohio Statistics 1859. Library Report 1859

Respectfully
J. C. Campbell
Pres. Sec.

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
April 21st 1860

To the Sheriff of Panola County: Greeting.

You are hereby authorized and required to suspend the collection of a forfeiture of the recognizance of R. W. Harris against J. M. Kyle, Hiram Rhodes, J. W. White and D. H. Bell in the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) made final at the November Term 1859 of the Circuit Court of Panola County State of Mississippi, until after the meeting of the next Legislature of this State.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State, hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 21st day of April 1860

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:
C. V. Brougher
Secy. of State.

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Executive Office Jackson Miss.
April 30 th 1860

To the Sheriff of Lincoln County:- Greeting.
Whereas one Sarah E. Trotter, at the April Term 1860, of the Circuit Court of Marion County, was indicted and convicted of the Crime of Bigamy, and sentenced by said Court to three months imprisonment in the State Penitentiary:

Now therefore I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, fully and freely pardon the said Sarah E. Trotter, and do require you upon the receipt hereof, to cause her forthwith to be discharged from imprisonment and set her free.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 30th day of April A. D. 1860.

John J. Pettis

By the Governor.
E. A. Brayton
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss. April 30th 1860

To the Sheriff of Pike County: Greeting.
Whereas one C. H. E. Stewart was, at the June Term 1855 of the Circuit Court of Pike County convicted of an assault and Battery on the person of one P. Segar; and whereas he was sentenced to eight days imprisonment and fined one hundred dollars by said Court for said offense:

Now Therefore I John J. Pettis, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, remit said sentence of eight days imprisonment; and do require you upon the receipt hereof to discharge from carrying said sentence of eight days imprisonment into execution.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 30th day of April A. D. 1860

John J. Pettis

By the Governor:
E. A. Brayton
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss:
May 8th 1860

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary- Greeting

Whereas one Michael Shelton, a convict in the Penitentiary, who was sentenced from Holmes County for the term of six months for perjury, has conducted himself well, and wishes to be restored to citizenship before his term expires which is on the 16th inst.

Now Therefore I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, pardon the said Michael Shelton, and require you upon the receipt hereof to release him from imprisonment

In Testimony whereof I witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the city of Jackson on this 8th day of May A. D. 1860.

(Seal)

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. D. Braughn
Secty of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss
May 10th 1860

To the Sheriff of Warren County, Greeting:

Whereas, at the last Term of the Circuit Court of Warren County, in the State of Mississippi, one Edward Gibson was convicted of an assault on one Jacob Weber, and whereas, he, the said Edward Gibson, was sentenced to six months imprisonment in the County jail and fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars Costs by said Circuit Court for said offence:

Now Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, remit the said sentence of six months imprisonment in the County jail; and do require you upon the receipt hereof, to refrain from carrying said sentence of six months imprisonment into execution.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 10th day of May A. D. 1860

(Seal)

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. D. Braughn
Secty of State

Executive Office Jackson Mississippi
May 22nd A. D. 1860

To the Sheriff of Scot County, Greeting:

Whereas, at the April Term A. D. 1860 of the Circuit Court of Scot County, one Mathew Jordon was convicted of betting money with a Minor, and sentenced to three months imprisonment in the County Jail and fined three hundred dollars by said Court:

Now Therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, pardon the said Mathew Jordon wholly and entirely; and do require upon me upon the receipt hereof to release him from imprisonment and refrain from the collection of the fine of three hundred dollars.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 22 day of May A. D. 1860

John J. Pettus

{Seal}

By the Governor:

A. V. Brougher,
Secty of State.

Executive Office Jackson Miss.
May 30th 1860

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, Greeting.

Whereas, at the Fall Term 1859 of the Circuit Court of Yazoo County in the State of Mississippi, one A. J. Gill was convicted of an Assault with intent to Kill and sentenced to six months imprisonment in the State Penitentiary;

Now Therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, fully and freely pardon the said A. J. Gill; and do require upon the receipt hereof to release him from imprisonment.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 30th day of May A. D. 1860

John J. Pettus

Seal

By the Governor:

A. V. Brougher
Secty of State

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Executive Office Jackson Miss
May 31st 1860

To the Sheriff of Simpson County, Greeting.

Whereas, at the April Term 1860 of the Circuit Court of Simpson County in the State of Mississippi, one Caleb Birch was convicted of an Assault and Battery upon the body of his wife, and was sentenced to six months imprisonment in the County Jail by said Circuit Court for said offence;

Now Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, remit the said sentence of six months imprisonment against the said Caleb Birch; and do require upon the receipt hereof to release him from imprisonment.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto annexed at the City of Jackson this the 31st day of May A.D. 1860

By the Governor — John J. Pettus

C. A. Braugher
Sec of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss July 16th 1860

To the Sheriff of Adams County Greeting

Whereas, at the late May Term 1860 of the Circuit Court of Adams County State of Mississippi E M. Blackburn, B.F.B. Hunter, Erasmus D. Russell, Hugh Lyle, Wm C. Balfour, Jno E Kirk and William G. Dunbar were each and all severally indicted and convicted of violating the Law of this State against gaming, and were each and all severally fined Fifty Dollars (50.00) a piece, and were each and all severally bound over to keep the peace and be of good behavior for two years:

Now Therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi, &c, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, release the said E.M. Blackburn, B.F.B. Hunter, Erasmus D. Russell, Hugh Lyle, Wm C. Balfour, Jno E. Kirk and William G. Dunbar from the payment of Twenty Five Dollars ($25.00) of the Fifty Dollar fine imposed upon each; and do require upon to collect only $25.00 fine and costs from each of the aforesaid gentlemen.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 16th day of July 1860

John J. Pettus.

C. A. Braugher
Secretary of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss July the 17th 1860

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, Greeting:

Whereas one Peter Collins was sentenced to three months imperisonment in the Penitentiary from Oxford for Larceny; and whereas his release is asked for by the Superintendent before his Term expires, as a reward for his faithfulness:

Now Therefore I. John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, pardon the said Peter Collins; and I do require you to release him from imperisonment upon the receipt hereof

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on this the 17th Day of July A. D. 1860

John J. Pettus

By the Governor;
C. D. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss. Aug 7th 1860

To the Sheriff of Yalobusha County; Greeting.

Whereas I am hereby authorized and required to suspend the collection of a forfeiture of recognizance in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars $500,00 against W. W. Logan made final at the late May Term 1860 of the Circuit Court of Yalobusha County State of Mississippi until after the next meeting of the Legislature of this State

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 7th Day of August A. D. 1860

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
C. D. Brougher
Secty of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss: Aug. 16th 1860

To the Sheriff of Warren County, Greeting,

Whereas, at the June Term 1860, of the Circuit Court of Warren County, one Pulaski Mann was convicted of Cruel and unusual punishment on the person of a slave by the name of Alfred, the Property of A. P. Hunt of said County; and whereas His Honor J. S. Yerger, Judge of said Circuit Court, fined said Pulaski Mann in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500,00) and all costs of the Proceedings, and also sentenced him to imprisonment in the County Jail of Warren County for Twelve Months from the 16th of July A. D. 1860:

Now Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, remit the said sentence of Twelve Months Imprisonment; and I do require you upon the receipt hereof to set free the aforesaid Pulaski Mann upon his payment of all costs and fines.

Given under my hand, and the great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 16th Day of August A.D. 1860.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

S. J. Boyd

Secty of State.

Executive Office

Jackson Miss Sept 29th 1860

To the Sheriff of Lawrence County Greeting:

Whereas A. F. Lucker was at the April Term A. D 1860 of the Circuit Court of Lawrence County convicted and fined by the Court Five Hundred Dollars and sentenced to three Months imprisonment in the County Jail:

Now Therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the Power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State of Mississippi do remit the said fine of Five Hundred Dollars and require you to release from the remainder of said Term of imprisonment.

In testimony whereof all which I have hereto set my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be hereto affixed this 29th Sept A. D 1860

John J. Pettus

Executive Office

Jackson Miss: Sept 29th 1860

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary: — Greeting.

Whereas the time of one Jas Hughes, a convict in your Institution from the County of Warren, will expire on the 1st of October next; and whereas he has conducted himself well during imprisonment:

Therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, hereby pardon the said Jas Hughes; and I do moreover require you to release him from imprisonment upon the receipt thereof.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 29th Day of September A. D. 1860.

John J. Pettus

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By the Governor:

O. H. Brayton

Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss: Oct 2d 1860

To the Sheriff of Yazoo County— Greeting.

Whereas, at the May Term A. D 1859 of the Yazoo Circuit Court, Mrs Maria Robinson was indicted by the Grand Jury in six cases for retailing, found guilty by the Court and fined twenty five dollars in each case ($25.00) and costs, the fines amounting to one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00):

Now Therefor I, John J. Pettus, Governor of Mississippi do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, remit the above mentioned fines amounting to $150.00: and I do moreover require you to refrain from the collection of the same from Mrs Maria Robinson upon her payment of all costs.

{L. S.} Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 2d Day of October A. D. 1860.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. A. Braughter
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss: Oct 2d 1860

To the Sheriff of Copiah County: Greetings.

Whereas, at the October Term A. D. 1857 of the Circuit Court of Copiah County, one Francis M. Hays was tried and convicted of a riot, and fined and sentenced to imprisonment by said Court:

Now Therefor, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, freely and fully pardon the said Francis M. Hays; and I do moreover require you to refrain from the collection of the fine and also from carrying into execution the sentence of imprisonment.

{L. S.} Given under my hand and the Great Seal of State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 2d Day of October A. D. 1860

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. A. Braughter
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss: Oct 2d 1860

To the Sheriff of Copiah County:- Greeting.

Whereas, at the October Term 1859 of the Circuit Court of Copiah County, one Wiley S. Swilley was tried and convicted of the crime of Forgery and sentenced to four years imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

Now Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, fully and freely pardon the said Wiley S. Swilley; and I do moreover require you, upon the receipt hereof; to release him and abstain from carrying or assisting to carry said sentence of imprisonment into execution.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 2 Day of Oct A. D 1860.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor;

C. V. Brougher
Sec of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss: Oct 8th 1860

To the Sheriff of Smith County: Greeting.

Whereas at the late Term 1860 of the Circuit Court of Smith County, one Thos Stringer was convicted of an Assault and Battery, and sentenced to one months imprisonment in the County jail and fined $30,00;

Now Therefore I, John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, fully and freely pardon the said Thos Stringer and remit the fine of $30.00; and I do moreover require upon the receipt thereof to release him from imprisonment and abstain from the collection of the fine of $30,00.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 8th Day of Oct A. D. 1860

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. V. Brougher
Sec of State

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Executive Office
Jackson Miss: Oct 12th 1860

To the Sheriff of Claiborne County: Greeting.

Whereas at the October Term 1860 of the Circuit Court of Claiborne County in the State of Mississippi, one John R. Goff was tried and convicted of an assault with intent to kill and murder, and sentenced to six months imprisonment; Now therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, fully and freely pardon the said John R. Goff and do remit upon his payment of the costs, the residue of said imprisonment.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 12th day of October A. D. 1860.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
G. A. Brayshey
Secy of State

Election Proclamation

John A. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, to the Sheriffs of the various Counties in the State aforesaid, Greeting:

Whereas, the first Monday in October, A. D. 1860, is the day appointed by law for holding an election in this State, and whereas, it is made my duty to issue a writ requiring you to hold the said election at the time and place appointed by law:

Now Therefore, I, John A. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do issue this, my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your County, on the first Monday in October A.D. 1860 for the following officers to serve for the time prescribed by law, to-wit:

One Judge of the High Court of Errors and Appeals for the ___ Judicial District;
One Judge of the Probate Court;
One Clerk of the Probate Court;
One Clerk of the Circuit Court;
One Sheriff;
One Tax Collector;
One Coroner;
One County Treasurer;
One County Surveyor;
One County Ranger;
Five members of the Board of Police and such Constables and Justices of the Peace as the law requires.

And the said election you will notice and carry out all the requisitions of law, and make your returns duly as hereby prescribed.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at Jackson on this the 11th day of August, A. D. 1860.

John A. Pettus

By the Governor:

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Sec'y of State

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Election Proclamation

Whereas, Peter, Governor of the State of Mississippi to the Sheriff of the County of ——— Greeting:

Whereas, Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, being the sixth day of the said month, is the time appointed by law for holding an election in this State for seven Electors, to vote for President and Vice President of the United States of America; and whereas, it is my duty to issue a writ of election, requiring you to hold the election at the time and places appointed by law;

Now, therefore, I, Peter, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do issue this, my writ, requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your County, on Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, A.D. 1860 for the election of seven Electors, to vote for President and Vice-President of the United States of America; and I do moreover require you to conduct said election in all respects, conformably to law, and make due returns thereof to the Secretary of State.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi hereunto affixed, at the City of Jackson, this the 11th day of August A.D. 1860

Peter J. Peters

By the Governor:

C. A. Brougher
Secty of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss: Nov 10th 1860

To the Sheriff of Warren County: Greeting.

You are hereby authorized and required to suspend the collection of a forfeiture of recognizance in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars $500,00/100 each against Thomas Cannon and Patrick Golding made final at the January Term A.D 1860 of the Circuit Court of Warren County, State of Mississippi, until after the meeting of the Legislature of the State.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 10th Day of November A.D. 1860

Peter J. Peters

By the Governor:

C. A. Brougher
Secty of State

Executive Office

Jackson Miss. Nov. 10th 1860

To the Sheriff of Copiah County; Greeting.

Whereas at the late Term A D 1860 of the Circuit Court of Copiah County State of Mississippi, one W. W. Brister was convicted of playing Cards with a minor for money, fined and sentenced to imprisonment by the Court.

Now Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, fully and freely pardon the said W. W. Brister; and I do moreover require you to release him from imprisonment and refrain from the collection of the fine upon his payment of all costs.

L. S.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto annexed at the City of Jackson this the 10th Day of November A. D. 1860.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

A. A. Braughter
Secty of State.

John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi to the Sheriff of Etawamba County, Greeting.

Whereas, by the death of John Walker, member of the House of Representatives from Etawamba County, a vacancy has occurred in said office; and whereas it is made my duty by Law to issue a Writ of election to fill such vacancy:

Now Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your County on Monday the twenty eighth ~~instant~~ Day of November, instant, for a Representative to fill out the unexpired Term of the said John Walker; and I enjoin upon you to hold said election in all respects according to Law, and make prompt returns thereof to the Secretary of State

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Jackson this the 13th Day of November A. D. 1860

L. S.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
A. A. Braughter
Secty of State

Proclamation

By John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi

Whereas, the people of the non-slaveholding States have, in many declared purposes hostile to the institutions of the slaveholding States the State Governments of nearly all the northern States have evinced settled purpose to evade their constitutional obligations, and their oaths in carrying on this war on the rights and institutions of the Southern States;

And whereas, the recent election of Messrs Lincoln and Hamlin demonstrates that those who neither reverence the Constitution, obey the nor regard their oaths, have now the power to elect to the highest offices this Confederacy men who sympathise with them in all their mad zeal to the ruin, prosperity and prosperity of Southern section, and with will us the powers of the Federal Government to defeat all the purposes for which it was formed; and whereas, the dearest rights of the people depend for protection, under our Constitution, on the fidelity to oaths of those who administer the Government;

Now, therefore, that the State of Mississippi may be enabled take into consideration the prosperity and necessity of providing surer and better safeguards for the lives, liberties and property of her citizens than have been found, or are to be hoped for, in Black Republican oaths;

I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, exercising the powers in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby convene the Legislature of this State, and do appoint Monday, the 26th day of November, instant, for the meeting of both Houses of the Legislature at the Capitol in Jackson, the seat of Government of this State.

In testimony, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Jackson, the 13th Day of November A. D. 1860, and of the sovereignty of the State of Mississippi the sixty-fourth

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John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

A. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss: Nov. 13th 1860

Sir

You will find in the Mississippian of this date, hereunto sent to your address, my Proclamation convening the Legislature on Monday the 26th inst.

Yours Respectfully
John J. Pettus

Copies of the above letter have been sent to each member with the Mississippian

Executive Office

Jackson Mississippi

November [illegible]

To the Sheriff of Adams County, Greeting:

Whereas, at the Late Term of the Circuit Court of the County of Adams, one Sigmund H. Brickenkamp was tried and convicted of the Grand and Petty Larceny, and sentenced to two months imprisonment in the County Jail and fined fifty dollars, ($50.00 Fifty);

And Whereas, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby grant unto the said Sigmund H. Brickenkamp, and do remit the imprisonment, upon the receipt hereof, to return him the fine, upon the payment of all costs.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson, this the 20th Day of November A. D. 1860

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

C. H. [illegible], Engrossing

Secy of State

Governors Message

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Nov. 26th 1860.

Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Representatives:

It is with deep regret that I am constrained to forego the usual congratulations for peace, prosperity and bright hopes for the future, which have formed so marked a feature of executive communications to the Legislative departments of the sovereign States of this once happy confederacy. In perseverance of what I deemed an imperative duty, I have convened you in extraordinary session to take into consideration the gravest and most solemn question that ever engaged the attention of any legislative body on this continent. One involving more human happiness or human misery than any political question of the age in which we live.

On the solution of which hangs the destiny for weal or woe, not only of this generation and this age, but of all the generations which come after us for an indefinite term of centuries, the end of which no prophet can foretell.

The existence or abolition of slavery in the Southern States, is now up for final settlement before that tribunal which has exclusive jurisdiction — the people of the Southern States where it exists. It is true, that the forms of a trial have been had before the people of the non-slaveholding States. The institutions of the South have been dragged before that tribunal, in violation of every principle of the Constitution and of common sense, and a trial before a court having no jurisdiction, and a jury ignorant of the law and of the facts; and the verdict thus obtained is that slavery is sinful and must be ~~exterminated~~ destroyed. We are told that this verdict will be executed, that the Northern mind will never rest satisfied until slavery is placed in such a condition as will ensure its ultimate extinction, and that all the power of the Southern States now have in the final settlement of this vexed question, is to choose whether it shall be a peaceable and gradual abolition or speedy and violent. These are the hard terms offered to fifteen States of this Confederacy as if they were conquered and not co-equal States; as if the superior numbers of the Northern States gave them the Constitutional right to regulate the domestic affairs of the Southern States without consulting their wishes and against their consent.

Submission to such a rule establishes a despotism, under which the dearest rights of the Southern States are held at the forbearance of a people, ignorant of their wants and hostile to their institutions. If they were honest and just, they are so entirely ignorant of the asperities and necessities of the two races which inhabit the Southern section of this Confederacy, as to render it impossible for them to rule it with success or manage it without ruin. It would be as reasonable to expect, the Commander to make a successful voyage across the Atlantic with crazy for engineers, as to hope for a prosperous future for the Southern under Black Republican rule. Upon the lives, liberty and property of the people of Mississippi she can not consent to trust to the keeping of that sectional majority which must hereafter administer the Federal Government.

I think they cannot, for the following reasons: They have exhibited a low selfishness in seizing all the territories which are the common property of all the States. They have deliberately attempted and succeeded in educating a generation to hate the South. They have sworn to support the Federal Constitution and deliberately planned a deliberate violation of that compact. They have used large sums of money to Congress, for the purposes of bribing the members of that body to pass laws to advance their private interests. They have attempted to degrade us in the estimation of other nations, by denouncing us as barbarians, pirates and robbers, unfit associates for christian or civilized men. They have incited our slaves to insurrection, advised them to burn our property, murder our people, and have furnished them with arms and ammunition to aid them in their bloody work. They have murdered Southern men in the lawful pursuit of their fugitive slaves and failed to punish their citizens for their flagrant violations of the laws of God and man. They have furnished money and arms for the invasion of a slave holding State, and when the punishment awarded to traitors and murderers overtook the invaders, they threatened the dastardly revenge of midnight incendiaries. They tolled bells in honor of traitors and murderers, and rewarded the family of the dead traitor, as one was rewarded that of any soldier who fell in defence of his country, and held him up as an example of heroic devotion to a just and glorious cause. Their press, pulpit, lecture-room and forum teem daily and nightly with exhortations to their people to press forward this war on our institutions even to the drenching of Southern fields with the blood of our citizens. In view of all this long catalogue of insults and injuries, in view of the fact that this hostile action must continue to increase in power, I feel that I am warranted in saying that the Northern people have forfeited the confidence of the people of Mississippi, and that the lives, liberty and prosperity of ourselves and our children after us, ought not to be entrusted to rulers, elected by such a people. The judgment of the people of all the Southern States seems one and in this conclusion, for the candidate recently elected to the Presidency, gets not one electoral vote in a slave State. While our Northern assailants had only the power of the press, mobs and State governments to aid them in their aggressions, it was the determination of our wisest and best men that we might still defend ourselves in the Union by the power of our State Governments with the aid of the Federal Government. But recently, in a recent Presidential election, a large majority have decreed that the Federal Government, with all its powers, or which we relied for protection, shall be perverted, by the same class of men who have been guilty of all these acts of violence and bad faith, it is proper, it is necessary, to secure for safety in such a government. or to secure longer the ends might and power to the arm that strikes us, and take from the power of perverting the blessings conveying the utmost relief, in view of the past, history, the present actual and future probabilities of this great question I feel that our honor and safety for the future demand. Let the "Let there be light," he prayed, "between thee and me, and between my brethren and thy brethren, forever." Let there

power of the Union against any member of the Confederacy failing to do its duty under the articles thereof," even of all parties sprang to their feet and denounced it as violative of the rights of the States and dangerous to the liberties of the people, and rejected it almost unanimously. If any party shall hereafter exercise undue power to attempt to coerce this power for the Federal Government, this positively denied to it by the Convention of all parties could rise to their feet and again vindicate the rights of the States and the liberty of the people. When this Constitution was finally agreed to in the Convention at Philadelphia, it was submitted to the several States, and each State for itself, ratified it declared and established between the people of one State and those of the other States, respectively, the Federal Union and Constitution of that State. The Convention of New York declared in their act of ratification that the powers granted by the instrument may be resumed by the people whenever it shall become necessary to their happiness. What people is here meant? The people of New York? For that Convention dared not speak for any other people. The Convention of the State of Virginia in the act of ratification in the name and in behalf of the people of Virginia declared that the powers granted under the Constitution being derived from the people of the United States may be resumed whenever the same shall be perverted to their injury or oppression." Who, was it feared, would pervert these powers to the injury and oppression of the people of Virginia? The majority of the States? Was there no remedy in the case of the election of the President, should Virginia form the one of a majority of "the people of the United States". Had she a right to resume the powers granted under the Constitution? This construction would make their declaration idle and nugatory. For that power would control the action of the Government and circumvent the intervention of its powers. But construction "reading in the name and in behalf of the people of Virginia," means nothing more than to declare that the people of Virginia had a right to resume the powers which they had granted to the Federal Government whenever the same shall be perverted to their injury or oppression, and use the phrase "the people of the United States to express a double idea, declaring the right of the people of Virginia and admitting the right of the people of each of the States to resume the powers granted under the Constitution, whenever the same shall be perverted to their injury or oppression. The people of Rhode Island in her act of ratification were more explicit in reserving this right. Her convention declared in that act that there are rights of which they cannot deprive or divest their posterity among which they enumerate the right of pursuing and obtaining happiness, and protecting property; and to guard these among others from the encroachment or abuses of the Federal Government, they declare "that the powers of the Government may be resumed by the people whenever it shall become necessary to their happiness. The right to be governed only by their own consent; and

to withdraw whenever it is necessary for their safety are parts of the reserved rights of the States. Those who have arrived at a different conclusion seem to have ignored the history of the action of the States, and gone to the words of the Constitution to seek there the reserved rights of the States; and when they find in the preamble of that instrument the words, "We, the people of the United States, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America" they contend that that Government was ordained and established by the whole people for the States and over the States, consequently binding on the States until the whole people of the United States release them of the obligation to obey it. This construction is contradicted alike by the facts of history and the words of the Constitution. History shows that it was made and agreed to by the States, the several States having an equal voice with the larger States in the adoption of every clause in it, and that it was ratified and established by the States each acting independently for itself and by itself, and the words of the Constitution in the seventh article are as follows: "The ratification of the conventions of nine States shall be sufficient for the establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the same." Thus the Constitution agreeing with the facts of history, shows that it was established by the States and not by the whole people of the United States, and was to be binding between the States that ratified, and not over them; binding between the States which might ratify and not between them and States refusing to ratify. For the ratification of United States could not and did not make it binding between them and the seceding States of the pretended Confederacy. Rhode Island until an hundred years and in her own time she sovereign act, made one of the States of the new Confederacy. It is asserted that the supremacy of the Federal Government over the States was established and agreed to in the seventh clause of the sixth article of the Constitution as follows: "This Constitution and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof, and all treaties made or which shall be made under the authority of the United States shall be the supreme Law of the land; and the Judges of every State shall be bound thereby anything in the Constitution or laws of any to the contrary notwithstanding."

This clause asserts the supremacy of the Constitution, laws and treaties of the Federal Government, over the Constitution, laws, courts and citizens of the States so long as they remain united, but does not touch and was not intended to touch the question of the right of a State to become this with the other granted powers, and to cease to be one of the United States. This Constitution, the laws and treaties are declared to be the supreme law of the land. What land? The territories of the States remaining in the Confederacy and not the territory of a state after it has withdrawn from it. The States did not in this clause of the Constitution surrender the right which they then so jealously watched over through all stages of its formation.

It thus seems to me clear that the right to be governed only by this supreme consent, and to withdraw from the Government for tyranny and oppression, is the birth right of the States

which our fathers guarded for us, never loosing sight of it, never surrendering it. And we must guard it for our sons. It is to day in more imminent peril than at any time since Washington crossed the Delaware. What danger arises now from the fact that Mr Lincoln is to be President for the next four years; that was it unattended with other threatening circumstances, would be a matter of small moment. But when it is remembered that a struggle has been going on, between the two great sections of the Confederacy, asking nothing but what was given us by the Constitution and guaranteed by oaths; and when that dominant, hostile Northern section has attained numbers sufficient to place itself permanently in the ascendent, and add the powers of the Federal Government to its means of oppression, well may we regard this as the great danger that constrains men of all, ties in the South to hurry forth and stand together for defence. Our deliverance from this great danger, in my opinion is to be found in the reserved rights of the States to withdraw from the Union, on a occasion — which was retained by those who first formed this Government for just such an emergency as this. Embodied in the reserved rights of the States, is the soul of American Liberty — the one saving principle on which alone the Southern States can look back and live, this saving principle must perish under Black Republican rule, when so down into Egypt and like Herod reigns in India, it is the only means of saving the life of this Continent of American Liberty. In a few years it will be told you, that they who sought the Prince of Peace and fraternity are dead, your sons have gone out of Egypt, and walk at the head of hosts and of angels, of peace on earth and good will to mankind, under the benign influence of a reconstructed Government deriving its just powers from the consent of the governed.

That the State of Mississippi may evince to her Northern sister States the interest she feels in the common danger, I recommend that Commissioners be appointed to visit such of them as may convene the Legislatures or call Conventions to take into consideration the threatening attitude of the Northern States and the Northern Republican administration about to be inaugurated at Washington. That they may be instructed that Republicanism does not intend to undermine to that administration, and not many years in the vision are therefore and fraternize in the premises

I will also recommend that an appropriation be made to each Volunteer Company of a sum sufficient to pay all reasonable expenses attending encampments, on days appointed for exercise and discipline; Requiring this arms and equipments to do that the young men who give their time and undergo the labor of preparing themselves as soldiers to defend the rights of the State may not be required to give one dollar of their private means. I recommend that a coat of arms be adopted for the State of Mississippi. In view of the unsettled condition of our political affairs, and

the probable great derangement of monetary and commercial relations of the country, and to prevent the ruinous sacrifice of the property of the people of this State, I recommend that an act be passed staying the bringing of suits and the collection of debts by execution sales, until the close of the next regular session of the Legislature.

As it is more than ~~possible~~ probable that many of the citizens of the border States may seek a market for their slaves in the cotton States, I recommend the passage of an act prohibiting the introduction of slaves into this State unless their owners come with them and become citizens, and prohibiting the introduction of slaves for sale by all persons whomsoever.

Permit me, in conclusion, again to refer to the great danger to the State which has brought you from your homes, and to exhort my countrymen not to be "caught by the fatal bait of temporary ease and quiet" not to submit to a vast, disgraceful and certain evils from a dread of others which may prove to be immaginary. If we falter now, we and our sons must pay the penalty in future years, of bloody, if not fruitless efforts to retrieve the fallen fortunes of the State, which if finally unsuccessful must leave our fair land blighted cursed with Black Republican politics and free negro morals to become a cess-pool of vice, crime and infamy.

Can we hesitate! when one bold resolve, bravely executed, makes powerless the aggressor, and one united effort makes safe our homes? May the God of our fathers put it in the heart of the people to make it.

John J. Pettus

Mr Speaker

The Governor has signed and approved

1 an act entitled An act to provide for a Convention of the people of the State of Mississippi.

2 An act to regulate the fees of the Clerk of the Circuit and Chancery Courts of Hinds County

J. C. Campbell
Private Secretary

Expiration

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Dec 15th 1860

To the Sheriff of Lowndes County; Greeting.

You are hereby authorized and required to suspend the collection of a Forfeiture of the recognizance of Lemuel Prewett against John G. Barfield in the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($250,00) made final at the October Term A.D 1860 of the Circuit Court of Lowndes County, State of Mississippi, under & by virtue of the 13th section of the Act of the Legislature of this State, approved, at the City of Jackson, this the 15th Day of December A.D 1860

John J. Pettus.

By the Governor

C. H. Brougher
Sec of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss: Dec: 18th 1860

To the Sheriff of Yalobusha County; Greeting.

Whereas, at the last October Term of the Circuit Court of Yalobusha County, State of Mississippi, one W. W. League was found guilty on twelve indictments for violations of the Tippling Law; and whereas, the said W. W. League was sentenced to three months imprisonment in the County Jail and fined three thousand dollars ($3000,00) by said Court for said offences:

Now therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers conferred on me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do pardon the said W. W. League and remit the said fine of $3000,00 save and except $350,00; and I require you, upon the receipt hereof, to release him from imprisonment and refrain from the collection of all of said fine of $3000,00 save and except $350,00 and costs.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 18th Days of December A.D. 1860

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
C. H. Brougher
Sec of State

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Executive Chamber, City of Jackson
Dec 19th 1860

To

The Superintendent of the State Penitentiary — Greeting —

Whereas The term of one John Butts, sentenced from Warren County — Charged with Larceny — expires on the 20th inst —

Therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do fully pardon said John Butts: and do require you, on receipt of these letters to release him from imprisonment.

Seal

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi; this the 19th day of December 1860 —

By the Governor. John J. Pettus

Sec of State
— C. A. Bougher —

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi
December 28th 1860

To the Sheriff of Warren County — Greeting

Whereas, at the June Term A.D. 1860 of the Circuit Court of Warren County one Butts, Juan was found guilty of cruel and unusual punishment on the person of a negro slave; and whereas he was sentenced to two years imprisonment and fined Five Hundred Dollars & costs; and whereas he has been released from imprisonment;

Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do extend this my pardon by remitting the said fine of $500,00; ~~imprisonment~~ and I require the receipt thereof to refrain from the collection of the said fine of 500,00 imposed on the said Butts by said judgment of all costs.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 28th day December A.D. 1860
John J. Pettus

By the Governor

C. A. Bougher
Sec of State

Proclamation.

Executive Chamber Jackson Miss
January 3rd 1860

By the Govenor of the State of Mississippi, John J. Pettus.

Whereas in my most deliberate Judgement, the interest and safety of the State of Mississippi, require that the Legislature should assemble as soon as possible

Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Govenor of the State of Mississippi exercising the powers in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby convene the Legislature of this State, and do appoint Tuesday the 15th day of January, for the meeting of both houses of the Legislature at the Capitol, in Jackson, the Seat of Government of this State.

L. S.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and do cause the Great Seal of State to be affixed, at the City of Jackson This the 3rd day of January A.D. 1861, and of the Sovereignty of the State of Mississippi the forty fourth

John J. Pettus

By the Govenor
C. A. Broughter Sec' of State

Executive Chamber. Jackson
January 4th 1861.

Sir

You will find in the Mississippian of this date, herewith sent to your address, my Proclamation convening the Legislature on Tuesday the 15th instant.

Yours Respectfully
John J. Pettus

Copies of the above have been sent to each of the members of the Legislature

Proclamation.

Executive Chamber. City of Jackson
January 5th 1861.

By John J Pettus, Govenor of the State of Mississippi.

By virtue of the powers vested in me, as Govenor and Commander in Chief of the State of Mississippi, I hereby convene the Military Board of this State and do appoint Friday, the 18th day of January A.D. 1861 for the meeting of said Board at the Capitol, in the city of Jackson, the Seat of Government of this State.

L. S.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and do cause the Great Seal of State to be affixed, at the City of Jackson, This the 5th day of January A.D. 1861. and of the Sovereignty of the State of Mississippi the forty fourth.

John J. Pettus

By the Govenor

C. A. Broughter
Sec' of State.

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Messages To The Convention

By His Excellency John J. Pettus, Governor of Mississippi.

To the Hon. William L. Barry, President of the Convention of the State of the State of Mississippi.

In compliance with the resolution adopted by the Convention and communicated to me by your Committee I herewith transmit to you the reports of the Hon. Wm. Thompson Commissioner to the State of North Carolina — the Hon. W. S. Featherston Commissioner to the State of Kentucky — the Hon. Geo. R. Fall, Commissioner to the State of Arkansas and the Hon. Wm. L. Harris, Commissioner to the State of Georgia. The Commissioners sent to the other Southern States have not, as yet, made their reports.

At the request of a large number of distinguished gentlemen of the City of New York, I lay before your Honorable body, the proceedings of a meeting held in New York City, on the 15th day of December 1860, at which the Hon. Charles O'Conner presided.

John J. Pettus

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To The Hon. W. L. Barry, President of the Convention of the State of Mississippi.

I have the pleasure to inform you, and through you the Convention over which you preside, that, the Hon. Armistead Burt, Commissioner from the seceded and Independent State of South Carolina is in the City of Lachezon.

John J. Pettus

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To the Hon. W. L. Barry, the President of the Convention of the State of Mississippi.

I have the pleasure to inform you, and through you, the Convention over which you preside, that, the Hon. E. W. Pettis, Commissioner from the State of Alabama to the State of Mississippi, is in the City of Lachezon.

John J. Pettus

To the President.

I herewith present to the Convention of the State of Mississippi several messages of His Excellency John J. Pettus, transmitting documents and other useful information.

J. A. Campbell
Private Secy

Hon President

I have the honor of delivering to the Convention of the State of Mississippi a message from the Governor with an accompanying document

J. D. Campbell
Private Secty

To the Hon W. S. Barry President of the Convention of the State of Mississippi.

I have the honor to transmit to you, and through you, the Convention over which you preside, a communication to me from the Hon E. W. Pettus, Commissioner from the State of Alabama, informing me that his mission has been accomplished, and tendering his thanks for the cordial reception he has met with at our Capital.

John J. Pettus,

State Of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Yalobusha County, Greeting
Whereas one C. M. W. League, lately pardoned by me, as will appear

Now Therefore I John J Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do release the said C. M. W. League from imprisonment, and I require all Commanders upon whom the receipt thereof may come to release him

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 14th day of January A. D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. V. Brougher
Secty of State

The Governor has appointed Hon L. S. Evans Special Agent to attend the trial of [illegible] in Florida.

J. C. Campbell
Private Secy

as I was informed that the Secretary of War had ordered from the arsenal at Baton Rouge, I sent Col. Wm. Preston Taylor with a letter to Governor Moore, requesting him to furnish me with ten thousand stand of arms, on such terms as he might deem just. Col. Preston returned with the information that the Governor had responded to my request by ordering eight thousand muskets (8,000), one thousand rifles and six twenty pounder Parrott guns, with carriages, and a considerable amount of ammunition to be delivered to him, which will be transported to Mississippi as soon as possible.

This act of friendship and confidence from an Southern State, I hope will be duly appreciated and duly acknowledged by the Legislature and State of Mississippi.

In finding the State pressed by emergencies which were not foreseen nor provided for, I have done only what I deemed demanded by the interest, safety, and honor of the people of Mississippi, knowing that a magnanimous constituency would judge leniently the acts of an Executive officer placed in an novel and trying positions.

From the Treasurer's report a copy of which is herewith transmitted to the Legislature, it will be seen that I have drawn from the Treasury on account of the appropriation for the purchase of arms, ammunitions, &c, thirty nine thousand three hundred and eleven dollars and twenty one cents ($39,311.21). Contracts for a considerable amount of arms and munitions have been made which have not been completed with; the arms not having been received or paid for. Other contracts have been made by agents appointed by me for that purpose. The payment of all contracts now made or authorized to be made, there will be a deficiency of the appropriation of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) made at the last regular session of the Legislature. Patriotic citizens in various portions of the State have tendered their pecuniary aid in arming the State. The Hon Hal. Chambers of Alabama, gave me an order for one thousand stand of arms. Col. Wm. H. McGehee and Hon Thomas Hederick gave me a draft for the proceeds of the sale of one thousand bales of cotton each. Hon. W. L. Brown sent me a bill on Natchez for four thousand dollars ($500.) Major Lebanon Williams gave me a draft for two hundred dollars ($200) and Mr Bennett Scott his draft for one thousand dollars ($1000) and Col R. S. Naylor of Lauderdale county has tendered to the State one hundred Negroes of laborers.

For this arms, when received, I propose to return Treasury warrants, drawn on part of the appropriation of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for the purchase of arms, notwithstanding many of the gentlemen regarded their offering as a donation and will decline the payment, in May or June of twenty three thousand dollars ($23,000) for a payment of arms.

The Mobile and Ohio Rail Road Company have tendered me the service of their road for the transportation of troops and munitions of war, which will be of great service, relieving me of the employment of the engines of the Railroad Company through their President who has tendered the service of all their unemployed and

[illegible] Commissioners [illegible] Hon. Henry Dickinson, Hon. Milton Brown, Hon. Wm. L. Yancey, Hon. Ralph Chandler, Hon. Wm. Cooper Jones, Hon. Jno. Forsyth, Hon. Jno. Elmore, Hon. Jno. Gill Shorter, Hon. Jno. Perkins, Jr., Hon. Thos. Bragg, Hon. Jno. Moore, Hon. Jno. Ellis, Hon. Jno. Reid, Hon. Jno. Fisher

to save their homes from the murderous
that act of surrendering up the unalienable
regularly constituted authority.
and I further recommend that the most vigorous
and efficient measures be adopted to arm the people
of the Northwestern States that have not already
armed on the Mississippi river and the militia
ed or arming by the authorities of Mississippi.
This in my opinion would materially aid in preserving
peace between Northwestern and Southern States now at war
to preserve.

But if this may not happy result, forbearance and
moderation on our part cannot save us from
war and invasion there will then be nothing left
for Mississippi but to fall her banner in dust and
cry "God defend the Right!"

Wm H. Peters

Mr Speaker

The Governor has approved and signed Bills which originated in the House of Representatives, entitled

1 An Act to change the time of holding the Circuit
Court of Jasper County.
2 An Act to change the name of the Jasper Female
Academy of Jefferson County.
3 An Act for the relief of M. G. Grace of Lauderdale
dale County.
4 An Act to amend an act entitled an act to repeal
and reduce into one the acts incorporating the City of Natchez
and the several acts amendatory.
5 An Act to extend the time of holding the Circuit Courts
in Lawrence County.
6 An Act to authorize L. M. Goldthwaite to appoint a
deputy County Treasurer for the County of Lauderdale
7 An Act to declare parts of Hinds and Copiah
Bayou to be navigable.
8 An Act to provide fuel for the poor and destitute
Citizens of Jasper County.
9 Resolution acknowledging the receipt of arms and ammu-
nition from the Governor of Louisiana.
10 An Act for the relief of Isham P. Trotter
11 An Act to amend the several acts of Incorporation
of the Town of Biloxi in Harrison County and for other purposes

G. A. Marshall
Private Secretary

Mr President

The Governor has approved and signed
Senate Bill, entitled
An Act to annex Jacksonville & Rankin
to the Fire District of the Chancery and Circuit Courts at
Pearl Creek
Hinds

G. A. Marshall
Private Sec

Mr Speaker

The Governor has approved House Bills, entitled

12 An Act for the relief of R. R. Williamson, Select of the Circuit

Court of Dearborn County

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Mr President

The Governor has approved and signed Senate Bills, entitled

13 An Act for the relief of R. R. Williamson, Select of Marshall

County.

14 An Act to extend the terms of the Circuit Court of

Winston County.

15 An Act to amend an act entitled "an act to provide

for the payment of the indebtedness of certain counties of the

Mississippi Choctaw District," approved Feby 10th 1860.

J. C. Campbell

Private Secretary

Mr Speaker

The Governor has approved and signed House Bills

entitled

16 An Act to amend an act further to regulate the militia

and Patrolers system, approved Feby 16th 1860

17 An Act to regulate the fees of certain officers in Jasper County

18 An Act to repeal an act to amend an act to secure the

interest on the School Fund belonging to the Chickasaw Nation in

far as the said act relates to the County of Jasper, approved Dec 11th 1857

19 An Act to amend the School Laws of Itawamba County

20 An Act to increase the salary of the Probate Judge of Panola County

21 An Act to amend an act Entitled an act to incorporate

the Town of Senatobia in the County of DeSoto, approved Feby 10th 1860

22 An Act to increase the salary of the Probate Judge of Warren County

23 An Act to amend an act Entitled an act for

the relief of certain citizens in the counties therein named

approved November 30th 1860.

24 An Act for the relief of Louis Dillman and

Ann Mariah Dillman.

25th " An Act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating

liquors within two miles of the Town of Gainesville

J. Gillespie Jr

Private Secy

Mr President

The Governor has approved and signed Senate Bills & Acts for the relief of Wm Simmons of Barbour County

An Act for the relief of Robt Cleaveland and others

J. L. Campbell
Private Secretary

Mr Speaker

The Governor has approved and signed House Bills Entitled

Resolution providing for the purchase of certain works by the Hon. J. H. Hoffman

Resolution in relation to the laws and Journals of the present Session of the Legislature

An Act to extend the time of holding the Circuit Court of Covington County in certain cases

An Act to prevent evils arising from Southern Soldiers

An Act for the relief of E. B. Hunter, Late Sheriff of Calhoun County

An Act making certain appropriations therein named

An Act to amend an act Entitled an act for the relief of the widow and heirs at law of David Nutter deceased — approved Feby 3rd 1860.

James E Campbell
Private Secretary

State Of Wisconsin }
To the Superintendent of State Penitentiary, Greeting:
Whereas one Samuel Williams of Dane
is now Confined in the State Penitentiary
for Grand Larceny and
the Governor of the State of Wisconsin by virtue of the powers
vested in me by the Constitution and Laws
of this State, do fully and freely pardon the said
Samuel Williams; and do recommend his
discharge from imprisonment
upon the receipt hereof.

Given under my hand
and the Great Seal of the
State hereunto affixed
at the City of Madison
this 22 day of June A.D. 1860

Edward Salomon

By the Governor
Chas D Brayton
Secty of State

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State of Mississippi

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary, Greeting

Whereas one Thos Brewer, of Warren County, is now confined in the State Penitentiary on a charge of larceny;

Now Therefore I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State do fully and freely pardon the said Thos Brewer, and I require him upon the receipt hereof to release him from imprisonment.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 10th Day of Dec A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. A. Bevoughter
Secy of State

State Of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Hinds County, Greeting

Whereas, Slave Frank and Slave Alex, convicted for Burglary and murder, were sentenced to be hung on Friday the 11th Day of Jany A.D. 1861 by the Circuit Court of the 1st Judicial District of Hinds County on the 14th Day of December 1860

Now Therefore I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do respite the execution of the sentence of the said Court pronounced upon the said slaves Frank & Alex, until Friday the 8th Day February A.D. 1861, when they shall be executed in accordance with the sentence of the Court, at Raymond the County Site of Hinds.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson This the 11th Day of Jany A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. A. Bevoughter
Secy of State.

Mississippi Volunteers

To Captains D. N. Moody, H. H. Miller and John P. Brown

Sirs

You are hereby notified to hold your companies in readiness to march at a moments warning. Be sure and be supplied with Ball Cartridges and a good supply of ammunition as you will need it.

Yours &c

John J. Pettus

State of Mississippi

Executive Office

Jackson Miss.

January 28th 1861

To the Sheriff of Leak County, Greeting.

Whereas, at the March Term A.D. 1860 of the Circuit Court of Leak County, final judgement was rendered in that Court against Wm. H. Taylor, Sheriff of Hinds County for $100 each, in four cases amounting to $400 and cost, for failure to return into that Court State process and to him from said Court:

Now therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do remit the said fine of $100 each in four cases amounting to $400; and I require you upon the receipt hereof and upon his payment of the cost to refund from the collection of the said $400.

{ L. S. }

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the State of Mississippi this City of Jackson this the 28th Day of January A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

A. H. Brunson

Sec'y of State

Forfeiture

State of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of the County of Warren
State of Mississippi, — Greeting:

You are hereby authorized and required to suspend the collection of a Forfeiture of the Recognizance of Patrick Scanner made final January 3rd 1860 in the Circuit Court of Warren County, State of Miss: against M. Donavon in the Sum of One Thousand Dollars until the 18th Day of May A.D. 1861.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 18th Day of Feb. A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:
C. A. Braughter
Secty of State

State of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of the County of Scott
State of Mississippi: — Greeting:

You are hereby authorized and required to suspend the collection of a Forfeiture of the Recognizance of Abel R. Burks made final on the 18th of November 1860 in the High Court of Errors and Appeals of this State against James L. Burks and Thos Harris Securities in the sum of Ten Thousand dollars ($10,000) Five Thousand dollars ($5,000) each until the next Session of the Legislature.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 27th Day of February A.D. 1861.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
C. A. Braughter
Secty of State

Executive Office

Jackson Miss March 4th 1866

To A. M. Hardin

Supt of State Penty = Greeting

Whereas, the term of one William Baird sentenced from Smith County for Larceny will expire to-morrow; and whereas he has behaved well during imprisonment.

Now Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State do fully and freely pardon the said William Baird; and I request you upon the receipt hereof to release him from imprisonment.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 4th day of March A.D. 1866

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

G. A. Brougher

Secty of State

To the Sheriff of the County of Clarke

State of Mississippi — Greeting

Whereas, at the last Term of the Circuit Court of the County of Clarke, State of Mississippi, one Julius Scriber a German Merchant was tried and convicted of selling Rum to a slave without an order from his owner, and fined fifty dollars by said Court.

Now Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do remit the said fine of fifty dollars imposed on the said Julius Scriber; and I request you to refrain from its collection upon the receipt of this letter.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 4th day of March A.D. 1866

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

G. A. Brougher

Secty of State

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State of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of the County of Rankin

State of Mississippi — Greeting

Whereas at the late Term of the Circuit Court of Rankin County, one John Allyn was tried and convicted of selling tobacco to a slave without permission from his master, and whereas, he was fined Fifty Dollars $50,00/100 for said offence by said Court

Now Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do remit the said fine of Fifty Dollars $50,00/100 imposed upon the said John Allyn — releasing all costs.

And I require you, upon the receipt hereof, to release for the collection of the aforesaid fine.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State, hereunto affixed, at the City of Jackson this, the 16th day of March A. D. 1861.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. H. Brougher

Secty of State

Executive Office

Jackson Mississippi

March 18th 1861

To A. M. Hardin

Supt of Penitentiary — Greeting

Whereas one Rebecca Robinson has been sentenced to the Penitentiary from Warren County

Now Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do fully and freely pardon the said Rebecca Robinson, and I require you, upon the receipt hereof, to release her from imprisonment.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 16th day of March A. D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. H. Brougher

Secty of State

State Of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of the County of Pike

State of Mississippi — Greeting:

Whereas at the late Term of the Circuit Court of Pike County one L. Daughtery was convicted of an Assault and Battery with intent to kill and murder, and was sentenced to the State Penitentiary for the term of Five Years; and whereas, upon appeal, said judgement was affirmed by the High Court of Errors and Appeals on the 28th day of January 1861.

Now Therefore I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do release said Daughtery from imprisonment; and I require you upon the receipt hereof to set him free, requiring him to pay all fees & costs.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 18th day of March A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. H. Brougher

Sec'y of State

State Of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of the County of Tallahatchie

State of Mississippi — Greeting:

Whereas, at the November Term 1858 of the Circuit Court of Tallahatchie County State of Mississippi, one Boyd F. Bryant was convicted of an Assault and Battery with intent to kill and murder, and was sentenced to the State Penitentiary for the Term of Five Years; and whereas, upon Appeal, said judgement was affirmed by the High Court of Errors and Appeals on the 28th day of January 1861.

Now Therefore I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, fully and freely pardon the said Boyd F. Bryant; and require you, upon the receipt hereof, to release him from imprisonment.

You are also authorized and required to suspend the collection of a Forfeiture of the Recognizance of Boyd F. Bryant made final on the said 28th of Jany 1861 by the said High Court of Errors and Appeals, against Boyd F Bryant principal and Jacob G. Harvey and Harvey Easter Securities in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5000.00/100), until the end of the next session of the Legislature; upon his Boyd F Bryant's payment of all the costs of prosecution.

In Testimony whereof,

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State Of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of the County of Lowndes

Greeting

Whereas, it has been made to appear to me that at the October Term A.D. 1860 of the Circuit Court of Lowndes County, in the case of the State of Mississippi against William B. Wade as principal and Charles H. Nelson as surety, in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) the said William B. Wade was duly convicted of the crime of Forgery and sentenced to the Penitentiary for the term of two years, and that the said William B. Wade has since been pardoned by the Governor of this State, and that the said sentence has been remitted, and that the said William B. Wade is now entitled to his discharge from the custody of the Penitentiary, and from the said sentence:

Now, therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do hereby order and direct you the said Warden of the Penitentiary to discharge the said William B. Wade from the custody of the Penitentiary, and from the said sentence.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson, this the 22nd day of March A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. H. Broughton
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson, Miss. March 23rd 1861

To - W. C. M. Hardin
Supt of Penn'y. - Greeting

Whereas, one Calvin West was sentenced to the Penitentiary from the County of Wayne on the 1st Day of June A.D. 1859; and whereas the said West has behaved well and performed many acts of faithfulness to the officers of the Penitentiary:

Now, therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do hereby and freely pardon the said West; and require upon the receipt hereof to release him from imprisonment.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 23rd Day of March A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. H. Broughton
Secty of State

State of Mississippi.

To the Sheriff of the County of Hurt County of Copiah

State of Mississippi — Greeting:

You are hereby authorized and required to suspend the collection of a forfeiture of the recognizance of Wiley J. Hughes in the sum of One Thousand Dollars against Wiley J. Hughes principal, and Arthur Ofr Carter and Wm. R. Sessions Sureties made final in the High Court of Errors and Appeals on the 23rd Day of February A. D. 1861, until the end of the next Session of the Legislature.

L. S.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson, this, the 1st Day of April A. D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

E. H. Broughton
Sec'y of State

State Of Mississippi.

To the Sheriff of the County of Copiah

State of Mississippi — Greeting:

You are hereby authorized and required to suspend the collection of a forfeiture of the recognizance of W. W. Baxter in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars against the said W. W. Baxter principal and W. J. Tillman and F. M. Tillman Sureties, made final in the High Court of Errors and Appeals on the 23rd Day of February A. D. 1861, until the end of the next session of the Legislature.

~~Session of the Legislature~~

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson, this, the 1st Day of April A. D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

E. H. Broughton
Sec'y of State

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State Of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of the County of Copiah

State of Mississippi — Greeting

Whereas, on the 20th Day of April A.D. 1860 one W.W. Bristo was convicted of gaming with a minor by the Circuit Court of Copiah County State of Mississippi and fined Three Hundred Dollars by said Court

Now Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do remit the said fine of Three Hundred Dollars imposed upon the said W.W. Bristo; and do require you, upon the receipt hereof, to refrain from the collection of said fine.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand, and the Great Seal of the State, hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson, this, the 1st Day of April A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C.A. Brougher

Sec'y of State

State Of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of the County of Copiah

State of Mississippi — Greeting

Whereas, on the 11th Day of October A.D. 1860, One Wiley J. Hughes was convicted by the Circuit Court of Copiah County State of Mississippi and fined Twenty Dollars by said Court.

Now Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do remit the said fine of Twenty Dollars imposed upon the said Wiley J. Hughes and do require you, upon the receipt hereof, to refrain from the collection of the aforesaid fine.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand, and the Great Seal of the State, hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 1st Day of April A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C.A. Brougher

Sec'y of State

State of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of the County of Marshall

State of Mississippi = Greeting:

Whereas, at a late term of the Circuit Court of the County of Marshall State of Mississippi, one D. N. Morden was convicted of an assault by said Court and fined the sum of Fifty Dollars ($50.00/100):

Now Therefore I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do remit the said fine of Fifty Dollars ($50.00/100) imposed on the said D. N. Morden; and I do require you upon the receipt hereof to refrain from the collection of said fine.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson this the 5th day of April A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus

{L. S.}

By the Governor.

G. D. Brougher

Secy of State

State Of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of the County of Adams

State of Mississippi = Greeting:

You are hereby authorized and required to suspend the collection of a forfeiture of the recognizance of one Matt McKeever made final in the High Court of Errors and Appeals of this State against one R. R. St Johns and one James Causey, Sureties, in the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($250.00/100) each, amounting in all to Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00/100) until the End of the next Session of the Legislature.

Given under my Hand, and the Great Seal of the State, hereunto affixed, at the City of Jackson, this, the 5th day of April A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus

{L. S.}

By the Governor:

G. D. Brougher

Secy of State

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Executive Chamber, City of Jackson, Miss.
April 22 A.D. 1861

To

The Superintendent of State Penitentiary — Greeting —

Whereas, Silvanus Overton, a free negro, is now confined in the Penitentiary from the County of Hinds, for Larceny and having received a full pardon for the pardon of the same.

Now Therefore I John J Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this state, do fully and freely pardon said Silvanus Overton, and do require you upon the receipt of this to release him from imprisonment.

In testimony whereof I witness my hand and the Great Seal of this State affixed at the City of Jackson this the 22nd day of April A.D. 1861.

(Seal)

John J Pettus.

By the Governor

C. A. Brougher
Sec of State

Executive Chamber City of Jackson Miss.
April 22nd 1861

To

The Superintendent of the State Penitentiary — Greeting —

Whereas one William Munson now in the Penitentiary, sentenced for Larceny from Lafayette County, and whereas his release is asked for by the Superintendent, before his term expires, which takes place on the 29th of this month.

Now Therefore I, John J Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do pardon said Willie Munson and do require you upon receipt of this to release him from imprisonment.

Seal

In testimony whereof I witness my hand and the Great Seal of this State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson This the 22nd Day of April A.D. 1861.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor.

C. A. Brougher
Sec of State

State Of Mississippi.

To the Sheriff of the County of Bolivar,

State of Mississippi, — Greeting.

Whereas, at a late Term of the Circuit Court of Bolivar County, State of Mississippi, a Slave named George belonging to Lafayette Jones, was convicted of the crime of poisoning, and sentenced to be hung on the Fifteenth Day of May A.D. 1861:

Now Therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Mississippi, Respite the said sentence passed upon the said Slave, George, until the Twenty Second Day of November A.D. 1861; and I require you, upon the receipt hereof, to refrain from executing the aforesaid sentence until the 22d of Novr. 1861— upon which Day, you will proceed to hang the aforesaid Slave, George, within the hours and according to the forms prescribed by Law and the aforesaid sentence— unless you receive further orders from this Office.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State, hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson, this, the 9th Day of May A.D. 1861.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor:

C. A. Brougher

Secretary of State

Executive Chamber, City of Jackson

May 26" A.D. 1861

To.

The Superintendant of the State Penitentiary Greeting=

Whereas one Robt Jones now in the Penitentiary sentenced for manslaughter from Pontotoc County, and Whereas his release is asked for by the the Board of Inspectors of the Penitentiary before his term expires, which takes place on the 21st of November 1862

Now therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do pardon said Robt Jones, and do require you upon receipt of this to release him from imprisonment.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and the Great seal of this State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson, this the 26" day of May A.D. 1861.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

C. A. Brougher

Secretary of State.

Executive Chamber City of Jackson
May 31st A. D. 1861

Whereas R. P. May. was, in the Circuit Court of Lawrence County State of Mississippi. at the November Term A. D. 1860, convicted of an Assault with intent to Kill one A. S Lemoine and sentenced to two years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary

Now therefore I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State. do fully and freely pardon said R. P. May and forever release him from the penalty of said sentence

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Great Seal of this State hereunto affixed. at the City of Jackson. this 31st day of May A. D 1861

(Seal)

John J. Pettus.

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State.

Executive Chamber, City of Jackson. Mississippi
May 31st A. D. 1861.

To the Sheriff of the County of Smith:

State of Mississippi = Greeting =

Whereas A. Dwyer, in the Circuit Court of Smith County, State of Mississippi, at the March Term thereof A. D. 1861, was convicted of a neglect of Official duty, and fined One Hundred Dollars by said Court.

Now therefore I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State. do remit said fine of One Hundred Dollars imposed upon said A. Dwyer. And I require you upon the receipt hereof, to refrain from the collection of said fine

Seal

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Great Seal of this State hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson, this the 31st Day of May A. D. 1861

John J. Pettus.

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Sec. of State.

Executive Office. Jackson, Miss.
June 11th A.D. 1861

To the Sheriff of Warren County.
Greeting!

Whereas a forfeiture was taken in the Circuit Court of said County against one Michael Donovan, who was security for the appearance before said Court for one Patrick S. Gannett, charged with Manslaughter and whereas execution has issued against the goods & chattels, Lands and tenements of said Michael Donovan, and is now in the hands of the Sheriff of said County, who has advertised that he will proceed to sell the Estate of said Donovan in payment of said execution.

Now therefore I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi do by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, order a stay of the collection of said execution until the end of the next session of the Legislature, that the advice and consent of the Senate may be obtained as to the remission of said forfeiture and you are directed to make return accordingly on said Execution.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson on the 10th day of June A.D. 1861 and of the Sovereignty of Mississippi the forty fourth.

John J. Pettus

(Seal)

By the Governor
C. A. Braugher
Secretary of State

Executive Office, Jackson Miss.
June 10th 1861

To the Sheriff of Noxubee County =
Greeting =

Whereas one Dr. Algood a Citizen of Noxubee County and State of Mississippi, was, at the last Term of the Circuit Court of said County and State, convicted on an Indictment for offering a negro for sale, without having proceeded according to Law in the premises, and was by said Court fined in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do remit the said fine of Five Hundred Dollars imposed on the said Dr Algood, and I require you to refrain from its collection upon receipt of these Letters.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State hereunto affixed at the city of Jackson this the 11th day of June A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus.

(Seal)

By the Governor
C. A. Braugher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi
June 11th 1861.

To
The Superintendent of the State Penitentiary — Greeting.

Whereas at the September Term A.D. of the Circuit Court of Choctaw Co. one Davis Clay was convicted of the Crime of Manslaughter, and under the Conviction was by his Honor Jas L. McCothan of the 10th Judicial District of the State of Mississippi, sentenced to seven years Confinement in the State Penitentiary and whereas a Petition has been made asking for his release,

Now therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby pardon said Davis Clay, and do require you, upon receipt of this to release him from confinement.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi, at the City of Jackson, this 15th day of June 1861.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

C. H. Brooks
Secretary of State.

State of Mississippi.

To the Sheriff of the County of Desoto — State of Mississippi — Greeting

By the Governor John J. Pettus.

Whereas at the February Term 1861 of the Circuit Court of Desoto County, Mississippi, One E. C. Vandalson was Convicted on an Indictment for disturbing public worship, and by his Honor the Judge sentenced to pay a fine of $200, Two Hundred Dollars, and sentenced to ten days imprisonment in the County Jail of said County — and whereas a Petition has been received asking for a remission of said imprisonment.

Now therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the Authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do remit said sentence of imprisonment, imposed upon said E.C. Vandalson, by said Court, and do require you upon receipt hereof, to release him from the same,

In testimony thereof I have hereunto set my hand, and Caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be hereunto affixed at the City of Jackson, this 17th day of June 1861,

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
E. H. Bringhurst
Secy of State

Proclamation for Volunteers.

Whereas the President of the Confederate States of America has made a requisition on the State of Mississippi for two regiments of Volunteers to serve for and during the continuance of the war, to be sent to Corinth Mississippi for the protection of the Mississippi Valley,

And three thousand volunteers to serve for and during the continuance of the war, to be received by independent Companies, each company to be composed of one Captain, one 1st Lieutenant, two 2nd Lieutenants, four Sergeants, four corporals, two musicians and from sixty four to one hundred privates, to go immediately into camps of Instruction, under the control of the War Department of the Confederate States, The President will assign competent officers to take charge of them, drill and discipline the men and organize them into Battalions or Regiments as he may prefer, and appoint Field and Staff Officers. Any company heretofore mustered into the State service for 12 months, may Volunteer under this Call for and during the continuance of the war,

Therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of Authority Vested in me by law do hereby proclaim that Volunteers for the service are desired, and will be accepted as above specified, (It will not be a pre requisite in accepting these companies that they shall be armed).

Given under my hand as governor and the Great Seal of State affixed at the city of Jackson this the 9th day of Aug A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus
Governor

E. H. Broughton
Secy of State

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Executive Office Jackson Miss July 12th 1861

To the Sheriff of Bolivar County: Greeting

Whereas by the resignation of Genl Charles Clark Member of the Legislature, a vacancy has occured in said office

And Whereas the laws of this state require that such vacancy should be filled by Selection by the people

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by vertue of the powers vested in me by the constitution and Laws of this state, do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your county on Wednesday the 24th day of July, for a Representative to fill out the unexpired term of the said Charles Clark, and I do enjoin you to hold and conduct said election in all respects according to law, and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of state

By the Governor

John J Pettus

C A Brougher Secy of state

Executive Office Jackson Miss July 12th 1861

To the Sheriff of Copiah County: Greeting

Whereas by the Resignation of George W Ellis member of the Legislature, a vacancy has occured in said office

And Whereas the laws of this State require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the state of Mississippi by vertue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your county on Monday the 29th day of this month for a Representative to fill out the unexpired term of the said George W Ellis and I do enjoin you to hold and Conduct said election in all respects according to law, and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of State

By the Governor

John J Pettus

C A Brougher
Secy of State

Proclamation Convening the Legislature

Whereas the war now being waged by the United States against the Confederate States has deranged the financial affairs of the Country, that property cannot be sold, at present sales without ruinous sacrifices

And Whereas it is the duty of the State Authorities to exert all the powers vested in them to place the people in the best possible condition to bear the burthens necessarily imposed by a state of war thus bringing to its vigorous prosecution all the resources of the State and people, and undismayed its triumphant termination the sole thought, the undivided aim and purpose of the State

Now Therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi, by vertue of authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of this state, do hereby convene the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, and do appoint Thursday the 25th day of this month for the meeting of the Legislature at the Capitol in the City of Jackson

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Jackson this the 12th day of July AD 1861

By the Governor

John J Pettus

C A Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss July 13th 1861

To the Sheriff of Rankin County: Greeting

Whereas by the resignation of H C Ware member of the Legislature a vacancy has occured in said office,
And Whereas the laws of this State require that such vacancy shall be filled by election by the people

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your County on Saturday the 27 day of this month, for a Representative to fill out the unexpired term of the said H C Ware, and I do enjoin upon you to hold and conduct said election in all respects according to law, and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be affixed,

By the Governor
Wm H Brougher
Secretary of State

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss July 25th 1861

Mr President & Speaker

I am instructed by his excellency the Governor to deliver to you his Message in writing.

Jno H Echols
Private Secretary.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives

It affords me pleasure to announce to you that the revolution which you inaugurated last fall, has so far been prosperous and successful. The people of this state have united in approving your action and sustaining the Confederate Government with a unanimity which surpasses the expectations of the most sanguine.

The call to arms has been responded to in a manner unknown in modern times, and the call for means to support our volunteers is now being answered with such liberal devotion to the cause as to gratify the heart of the patriot, and convince both friend and foes that Mississippi is determined to make this a successful struggle against Northern Tyranny, if the united efforts of all classes, ages, sex and conditions of our people can accomplish it.

To enable a people thus willing and anxious to aid in the successful prosecution of this just and necessary war with the least injury to themselves, and to make some effort to prevent the ruinous sacrifice of their property, at forced sales, of those against whom constables and sheriffs now have executions in their hands, and of a much more numerous class against whom suits have been and will be instituted, I have again called you into extra Session.

The people of Mississippi, on a former occasion of great pecuniary embarrassment refused to permit forced sales, and sheriffs found themselves powerless to force the law, and unless some remedy can be devised by this Legislature, they will in my opinion, resort to a similar course in the next few months. Is it wise or safe for the law-making power to permit a few people to be goaded to desperation if a remedy can be found. The action of this Legislature has resulted in war, one of its incidents is the closing of our ports, which debars the debtor from the means of meeting the demands of his creditor, and if the laws for the collection of debts are now permitted to be enforced, as in times of peace, the debtor class are hopelessly ruined, and the prosperity of the Country shapes into the hands of the creditors and money holders at one-fourth of its real value. Thus one class builds up their fortunes of one class while its brethren sink grievously and another. Right must the Legislature which brought on this revolution

equalize its burthens as near as possible. As the war is made for the benefit of all, its inconveniences and burthens should be made to bear equally on all. I therefore recommend that a law be passed postponing the sales of property under all judgments heretofore obtained in any court, for twelve months, and prohibiting the issuing of executions on judgments hereafter rendered until twelve months from and after the adjournment of the next regular session of the Legislature
This, while it will inconvenience, cannot ruin the creditor, his judgment can remain a lien upon the property of the debtor, and in this peace is restored he can recover his debt with interest. There is, a still weightier reason which impels me to ask the passage of this law. The safety of the state, the existence of our free institutions demand that all the available means of the whole people should be brought to the aid of the state in the fierce and protracted conflict on which she has now entered. The people thus relieved, will not be constrained to keep a large portion of their cotton crop to save their property from execution sales, but can, and I doubt not will, loan it to the government annually until the war is triumphantly closed. If the end sought in the above suggestion is considered necessary and the manner of reaching it objectionable, I will cheerfully co-operate with the Legislative branch of the government in any measures which in their judgment will better effect the purpose.

Another subject which I have deemed of sufficient importance to claim the attention of an extra session of the Legislature, is the raising of a revenue sufficient to meet the extraordinary demands on the State Treasury for the next seven years. Private donations to volunteer companies in uniforming, arming and subsisting them, have in the last few months amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars; but these contributions, from the most liberal and patriotic citizens, cannot, and in justice ought not to be relied on to carry on this war. The man who gives nothing from patriotic impulse should be required by law to bear his fair share.

Some increase in the present rate of taxes will be necessary to keep the revenue up to the present amount. That derived from merchandise must fall far short of last year, and if a new assessment of lands is made the revenue from that source will probably be diminished forty per cent. The revenue should be increased instead of being diminished

I therefore recommend that the present assessment of lands be continued during the war, and the revenue law be so amended as to impose an ad valorem tax of one-fourth of one per cent, on lands and slaves. This if slaves are valued at five hundred dollars a head, will increase the revenue from that source, two hundred and seven thousand eight hundred and forty four dollars. ($207.844) and on lands as at present assessed, twenty one thousand five hundred dollars ($21.500) making in the aggregate two hundred and twenty nine thousand three hundred and forty four dollars ($ 379.344)

The revenue might, and I think should be further increased by incorporating into the revenue law the provision of an ordinance to raise means for the defense of the state adopted Jany 26th 1861, imposing a tax of three-tenths per centum upon all money owned by every inhabitant of this state, or controlled by such inhabitant, and deposited, loaned or employed in the purchase of notes bills stocks or any securities for the payment of money without the limits of this state, or kept from use and circulation within the same, at any time during the fiscal year.

I can see no reasonable objection to this mode of increasing the revenue, and if adopted by the Legislature will add materially to the power of the state, to meet and repel her invading foes.

As a means of retaliation on a people who are raising large armies for our subjugation, and of strengthening our defenses against them, and at the same time relieving the people from much of the burthen

imposed by this war. I submit it to legislation, whether it not be expedient and just to confiscate all the property of alien enemies within the limits of the State. Lands to a large amount could thus be taken from those who invade, and become the property of those who defend the State. and a much larger amount might be placed in the State Treasury by requiring the merchants to give into the assessors of taxes an accurate account of their indebtedness to Northern merchants. and requiring them to pay one-fifth of the amount into the Treasury annually, let these annual payments be receivable in the Treasury notes of the State, The merchants will thus be facilitated in making his payments and the Treasury notes will be less liable to depreciation as a currency

I further recommend that the Colonels of Regiments and Captains of detached Companies of Mississippi Volunteers be authorized to appoint managers and clerks and open polls to receive the votes of the Mississippians under their command for State officers and members of Congress- election to be held in all respects as if they were not beyond the limits of the State, each Volunteer voting for a member of Congress in the district in which he holds citizenship. This recognition of their rights as citizens, though on distant fields, must bring them closer to a state, of which they are proud, and will be an act of kindness justly from Mississippi to her brave sons, who have gone at her call to those distant fields, to pour their lives for her honor and safety,

In regard to arms and military stores, I have to report that about sixteen thousand stand of arms for infantry and Cavalry have been brought to the State during my administration. This number has not by thousands, supplied the demand of Volunteers willing and anxious to receive them, and all the efforts heretofore made by the Military Board and myself have failed to procure a sufficient number, and to supply the deficiency, we are now collecting the Rifles and double barrel shot guns throughout the State, to be used until better can be procured, Ten companies of Cavalry and ten of Artillery have been organized and will soon be armed and equipped ready for the field, This deficiency of arms has been a source of much regret to the people, and to none more than myself. It would have been otherwise. if the appropriation of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which in your wisdom you made at the last regular session, had been available, before the breaking out of the war rendered it impossible to import it in arms. Less than one third of it was received from the sales then being collected and paid in the following June,

Large advances have been made by the state for the confederate government, in lieu, Camp equipage and Commutation money for clothing for the Mississippi Volunteers ordered into the Confederate Service, and Col W. McRae Quarter Master General has been directed to proceed to Richmond and receive these advances and invest them in heavy winter goods, shoes &c that we may be sure of a proper outfit for such of our Troops as may spend the winter in the field. The Sea Coast being considered the most assailable portion of the territory of this State and most likely to be annoyed by the enemy, an agreement has been entered into with the Governors of Louisiana and Alabama by which Mississippi bears an equal portion of the expense of manning and arming Small Steamers (Suitable to the shallow Lakes and Sounds) to keep the enemies Gun Boats from our shores, I have also ordered one company of Field Artillery and four companies of Mississippi Volunteers to the Coast, to act in conjunction with the Confederate troops Commanded by Genl Briggs,

I have ordered into camps of instruction the four Brigades, the raising of which was provided for by the Convention, the Camps to be formed some time in August, I have thought it best not to call the Companies into their Camps in the Spring months, as it would materially injure their ...

Cultivate farms. to take them away for two months, and suffer their crops to be
and for a further reason that it would have exhausted all the means at the
disposal of the Military Board,
I have thus hurriedly and briefly attempted to give the Legislature some idea
of the present position of the Military affairs of the State,
Victory has so far crowned the efforts of our armies. The Lord who loves
justice and defends the rights, seems to have confirmed the Confederate
Generals with wisdom and our troops with valor, But while rejoicing over
our Victories we are called to shed tears over the fallen brave, who have
watered the tree of Liberty with their patriotic blood. Mississippi will
remember and honor their names. May the God of justice
give success to our arms and safety to our sons.

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss July 26th 1861.

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary Greeting

Whereas William T Pope is now confined
in the State penitentiary. Sentenced by the Circuit Court of Attala County for the Crime
of Larceny.

And Whereas I have received a petition from a large number of the Citizens of said
County setting forth that he has now been confined for about three & a half years, and
that the punishment is deemed ample in view of the Crime committed.

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi have thought
proper in pursuance of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the
State. do grant this my pardon for the said William T Pope, and do require you
to release him upon the receipt of these letters.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State affixed
By the Governor

John J Pettus

C. J. Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss July 26th 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary Greeting

Whereas John A Jacobs is now
confined in the State Penitentiary. Sentenced by the Circuit Court of Attala County
for the Crime of Larceny

And Whereas I have received a petition from a large number of
the Citizens of said County setting forth that he has now been confined for about three
and a half years and that the punishment is deemed ample in view of the Crime
Committed.

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi have
thought proper in pursuance of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws
of this State do grant this my pardon for the said John A Jacobs and do require
you to release him upon the receipt of these letters,

Given under my hand and great Seal of State affixed
By the Governor

John J Pettus

C. J. Brougher
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss
July 29th 1861

Mr Speaker I am instructed by his Excellency the governor to deliver you the enclosed Message in writing with the accompanying documents.

Thos H Echols
Privt Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss July 29th 1861

To the House of Representatives

Gentlemen In compliance with the resolution passed by your honorable body on the 26th Inst. Requesting me to communicate to the house information in regard to the appropriation for the purchase of arms. I have the honor herewith to report a statement from the auditors office of the amount drawn and from accounts and vouchers in my office the amount expended of said appropriation. It will be seen from these statements that a portion of the money drawn on this appropriation and deposited with the Treasurer on the 6th of July 1860 (as per Copy of M D Haynes Receipt herewith marked (A) has not been expended, it was retained in the Treasury to meet contracts made by Adgt Genl W L Sykes with manufacturers of Arms in the Northern States, finding it impossible to purchase the Rifle and Sabre bayonets which was the arm universally called for by the Volunteers, I sent Genl Sykes to Washington to ask the assistance Genl Jefferson Davis in procuring the arms called for, Col Davis informed me after diligent enquiry that such arms as I wanted were not in the United States for sale, and at his suggestion Genl Sykes entered into a contract with Eli Whitney for the manufacture of fifteen hundred Miss Rifles and ordered from his Armory pistols Rifles muskets and accoutrements to the amount of five or eight thousand dollars, these Rifles were to be delivered in installments Commencing on the 1st day of October last and after delivering two hundred & forty he forfeited the contract & Claimed payment for all the arms he had delivered, the state then being in debt to him about four thousand dollars which I refused to pay until he complied with the Contract and wrote to him to go to Washington and settle the matter with Col Davis he went & agreed to deliver one thousand of the Rifles by giving him much longer time to manufacture them. Col Davis agreeing and promising that the price agreed on should be paid on delivery together with the four thousand dollars then due, The money was retained in the Treasury to meet this new contract, believing that the four thousand which I held was a sufficient guarantee for its performance, after many delays and excuses the contract was forfeited and the four thousand dollars has not been paid him. Arms also forfeited his contract for Arms and accoutrements leaving a ballance due him of about twelve thousand dollars, neither of which ballances I have thought right to pay. It will thus be seen that I attempted, first to purchase Rifles, not finding them I next contracted for the manufacture of them and Banks bad faith prevented my getting them, for which Gentlemen I have retained over five thousand dollars for a part of the arms they did deliver. I persistently sought Rifles because the Volunteers Companies refused to receive any other arms, finding they could not be obtained I bought five thousand muskets and such other arms as I could then obtain. By reference to account current of Block McRae & Co which is herewith submitted you will see that two thousand after nineteen thousand sent to them was paid to John A Hunter & Co this last thousand was advanced on my order by J A Hunter & Co to pay the expenses of the Mississippi Troops sent to Pensacola in January last and by my direction paid to Hunter & Co from

the funds deposited with Block McCaffer & Co and a deduction from the appropriation made by the convention to pay the expenses of those Troops and deposited the Treasury for which I now hold the Treasurers Receipt
In Regard to the character of arms purchased I refer you to Adjutant Genl Dykes Report and account herewith transmitted marked (B) and to report of Col S G French abstract marked A, and in addition to these I purchased three hundred and seventy nine Rifles, and in response to that clause in the resolution in relation to the issues of Arms, I herewith transmit report of Col S G French abstract marked B, and Adjutant General Dykes report marked (C) As to arms now on hand I refer you to report of J W Baldwin marked (D) In regard to the Contracts for arms I have not been able to find that made with Whitney, but presume it is on file among the papers of adjutant Genl Dykes. I think it was made in may 1860. The papers Relating to a Contract made by the Military Board with the Belgian direct trade Company. Contract Securities &c being Valuable are deposited in the Treasurers office. This Contract was made for seven thousand Belgian Rifles to be delivered on the first of July, for which the Board agreed to pay two hundred and thirty seven thousand dollars. Auditors warrants for this amount were issued and deposited in the Citizens Bank in New Orleans. as per contract, and thirty four thousand dollars paid on the first of may Security being taken for its repayment. the arms have not been delivered and the Direct trade Company now propose to return the money paid. This Report and Statement I hope will be Considered by your honorable body a full response to all the points embraced in the resolution although this Statement is not a final settlement of this account. I have sought to make it full and accurate enough for it to be clearly understood by all the members of the House
All which is respectfully submitted
John, J, Pettus

Executive Office City of Jackson Miss
July 30th 1861

To the Members of the Senate

Gentlemen I herewith inclose you petition for the release of forfeiture in Case of the State VS Jno Slaughter and Securities, and State VS Jesse Shaver & Securities, and would respectfully ask your advice and Consent in the Remission of the Same.

John, J, Pettus.

Executive office Jackson Miss July 31st 1861

Mr Speaker & President

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to direct you the inclosed Message in writing

Jno A Gibson
Private Secy

Executive office Jackson Miss July 31st 1861

Gentlemen of the Senate & House of Representatives

On the ninth of January last when called on by the Governor of Alabama & Florida for aid to take the forts and Navy Yards at Pensacola I telegraphed Col Thomas J Sharp and Davis Blair of Columbus to send my orders to six companies of Volunteers near the Mobile and Ohio Rail Road to Rendezvous at Enterprise as soon as possible and requesting that the friends of Mississippi and the Southern cause would furnish the means to secure them to the place of Rendezvous and that the money should be refunded, the Volunteers promptly moved as ordered and I am informed the patriotic Citizens furnished the means called for, If the accounts for the expenditures of these means had been properly made out and presented to me I should have felt bound to pay them, but I have not seen them, and it is not to be expected that regular and formal accounts would be kept at a time when the Revolution first then beginning greatly excited all men and particularly those who were snatching their arms to go on to them an unknown expedition, I ask and recommend that the Legislature take a liberal view of the matter and cause to be paid whatever was justly expended in forwarding these Companies

John J Pettus

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Aug 1st 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas Hampton Rowley is now confined in the State Penitentiary sentenced by the Circuit Court of Marion County for the crime of shooting with intent to kill.
Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi have thought proper in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State to grant this my pardon for the said Hampton Rowley and do require you to release him upon the receipt of these letters.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand and caused the great seal of state affixed

John J Pettus

By the Governor

C H Broughton
Secy of State.

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 1st 1861

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor desires you yesterday signed and approved the Bills Entitled

√	No 1	An act to change the time of electing School commissioners in Greene County
√	No 2	An act for the relief of J. C. Murray and J. W Doak
√	No 3	An act to remove the civil disabilities of Joel R Baugh a volunteer Minor of Covington Co
√	No 4	An act to change the time of holding the Probate Court of Wayne County
√	No 5	An act to authorize the Police Courts of Desoto and Tunica Counties to allow additional Compensation to the Clerks of said Courts,
√	No 6	An act to change the time of holding the Probate Court of Smith County
√	No 7	An act to authorize the commissioners of the Seventh Section of Township 7 Range 13 East, to make titles to said 16th Section
√	No 8	An act for the relief of Fanning Jones of Panola County
√	No 9	An act to repeal an act Incorporating the Town of Ocean Springs
√	No 10	An act to remove the civil disabilities of Benjamin P Kernaw a minor of Madison County
√	No 11	An act for the relief of Frederic Brougher
√	No 12	An act to amend the Hazlehurst Male and Female Institute Charter
√	No 13	An act to incorporate the Desoto Bridge Company

Jno H Echols
Private Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 1st 1861

Mr Speaker

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you the enclosed message with the accompanying papers

Jno H Echols
Private Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 1st 61.

To the Members of the House of Representatives

Gentlemen I herewith transmit you an estimate of Quarter Master Gen Madison McCaw of the expenses of Encampment of eight thousand troops for one month

John J Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss Augt 1st 1861

Mr Speaker I am directed by his excellency the Governor to deliver you the inclosed Message with the accompanying papers

Jno M Echols Private Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Augt 1st 1861

To the members of the House of Representatives

Gentlemen I herewith transmit you Report of Adjutant Genl Brown in Compliance with a resolution adopted by your Honorable body on the 25th day July

John J Pettus

State of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Leake County Greeting

Whereas a judgment was ordered against Ino Slaughter and Asa Karpe and Asa M Langston his sureties on judgment of forfeiture rendered in Leake County circuit Court,

And Whereas a petition has been presented for the release of the said Slaughter & Sureties from the forfeiture,

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by authority vested in and, with the advice and consent of the Senate have thought proper to grant this my release of the said Slaughter and Sureties from the forfeiture, and you are hereby required to release the said Slaughter and Sureties upon the receipt of these letters

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed this the 1st day of August A D 1861.

John J Pettus

By the Governor

A J Brougher

Secy of State

State of Mississippi

To the Sheriff of Leake County Greting

Whereas Tom Shearer was indicted by the grand jury of Leake county in two cases of assault and battery and gave bond in each case for his appearance in a penalty of One hundred dollars each, with R J Edmonds as his surety in each case, and failed to appear at the Circuit Court and judgment was rendered against the said Shearer and Surety

And Whereas a petition has been presented for the release of the said Shearer & Surety from the forfeitures

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi ~~have thought~~ by authority vested in me with the advice and consent of the Senate, have thought proper, to grant this my release of the said Shearer and Surety from the forfeitures, and you are hereby required to release the said Shearer and Surety upon the receipt of these letters

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the great Seal of the Sate to be affixed this the 1st day of August A D 1861

John J Pettus

By the Governor

A J Brougher

Secy of State.

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Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 2 1861

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor did on Yesterday Sign and approve Senate Bills Entitled

1 N° 14 An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Carroll County Manufacturing Company

1 N° 15 An act for the relief of W H Rogers assessor of Scott County

1 N° 16 An act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to Slaves Free Negroes and Mulattoes

Jno H Echols
Private Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 2nd 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas James Adams is now Confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced by the Circuit Court of Madison County, for the crime of attempting to decoy a negro man the property of Wm David K Gatlin to a free State.

And Whereas a petition has been presented me for the Pardon of the said Adams Signed by a large number of the Citizens of Madison County

Now Therefore I John I Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by Virtue of authority Vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, have thought proper. to grant this my Pardon for the said James Adams and do require you to release him upon the receipt of these Letters.

Given under my hand and great Seal of State at office

John I Pettus

By the Governor

C A Broughton
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 2nd 1861

Mr President

His Excellency has this day Signed and approved Senate Bills Entitled

1 N° 1 An act to extend the powers and to confirm the acts of the Board of Police in Certain cases.

✓ N° 2 An act to authorize the investment of Trust funds in the securities of the State or of the confederate States.

✓ N° 3 An act for the relief of Charles Toney of Yalobusha County and for other purposes.

1 N° 4 An act to suspend the collection of the Gulf and ship Island Rail Road tax and for other purposes in the Counties of Rankin and Madison.

✓ N° 5 An act to define the Boundaries of the Town of Roany in Jefferson County

✓ N° 6 An act entitled an act to prohibit the sale of Vinous and intoxicating Liquors in the Town of Carrolton in Calhoun County and in one mile thereof

№7 An act for the relief of the Sureties of John M Grault late tax collector of the County of Claiborne

He has also signed and approved the following Resolution of the Senate

№1 Resolution granting leave of absence to Same M. Meek.

Jno. H. Echols
Privt Secy

Executive Office Augt 3rd 1861

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor did on yesterday sign and approve Senate Bill entitled

№8 An act to suspend all laws making appropriations to the Agricultural Bureau and Agricultural Societies during the pendency of the War.

He has also signed and approved Memorial of the Senate as follows

Memorial to the Congress of the Confederate State

Jno. H Echols
Privt Secy.

Executive office Jackson Miss Aug 5th 1861

Mr President

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to deliver you the enclosed Message in writing

Jno H Echols
Privt Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 3rd 1861

To the Members of the Senate

Gentlemen By Resolution adopted by your Honorable body on the 2d you request Report of expenditures of money drawn from the State Treasury. By reference to Report made to the House of Representatives you will find that I have furnished Report from the different departments of the Expenditures by each. And by Reference to Contract now filed in the Treasurer Office you will find that one hundred and thirty seven thousand Dollars of the amount drawn from the Treasury, has not yet been expended, that will be returned to the Treasury on the 15th Inst.

Wm S Potter

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 6th 1861

Mr President

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to deliver you the enclosed Message in Writing

Jno H Echols Privt Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 6th 1861

To the Senate

Gentlemen. I further respond to the Senate Resolution of the 5th Inst requesting me to inform the Senate, What regiments and Companies received the benefit of the money expended from the military fund and what men in active service of the Confederate States got all of said money In regard to the first clause of the enquiry as to which regiments and

Companies and Regiments received Commutation money from the State, I can only state to the Senate, that my orders were that all Companies ordered by and into the Confederate Service should receive whatever outfit was necessary and would for Soldiers in the field, and for this purpose I gave to Gen Clark for the two Regiments ordered to Pensacola twenty five thousand dollars of which he returned three thousand dollars to the Treasury, I gave to Col Griffith for the first two regiments ordered to Virginia fifteen thousand dollars and he informed me that Col Barksdale then acting Quarter master had taken with them for those Regiments twenty five hundred dollars making seventeen thousand five hundred dollars and to Col Mcafee Quarter Master General I gave fifty thousand dollars for the outfit of the five Regiments to Corinth, I gave the Officers charge with the duty of Conducting those troops to the place of Rendezvous whatever was deemed necessary to complete their outfit as Soldiers & if all did not share equally it was by an order or consent of mine that it was so. I gave whatever the Officers in Charge asked for and deemed necessary, Some companies being better furnished with uniforms may have needed less than others and as this Commutation money was an advance to our troops of the confederate government and not a payment from the State to the troops. exact equality was not deemed a matter of so much importance. The reports made to me show about the dollars per man as shown in this way. I have not examined Gen Griffiths & Col Barksdales reports for the two first regiments for Virginia, the last clause of the inquiry "whether same in active service of the Confederate States got all the Cash money I answer that One Company was called out by me in Washington County, to guard that exposed and then threatened portion of the State and Some and the expenses paid in part by the County and by the State, One Company was ordered to Fort Hill above Vicksburg to erect a battery there and the expenses paid by Vicksburg and the State, four companies were ordered into service on the Sea shore for the fortifications of that threatened Coast and these companies at least three of the Board object the order were receive Rations and pay from the State. One Company was left at Corinth of the five regiments ordered there on the Requisition of the President, Gov H & Brown Company having been received into their place in the regiments which this Company should have filled. This statement is made from memory and not from a full examination of the books which I have not had time to make. The purposes for which this money has been expended are fully set forth in the reports of the heads of the departments sent to the House of Representatives at an early day of this Session from which it will appear that the apparent expenditure on account of the Military fund exceeds the Real expenditure by more than fifty per cent take from that apparent expenditure Cow Stamps in Quarter Warrants on a contract for arms with Belgian direct trade Company of One hundred and thirty seven thousand dollars all of which will be returned to the Treasury, and the large sums advanced to our troops for the Confederate Government as Commutation money for Clothing Camp equipments and Rations &c and the real expenditure of outfit is reduced more than fifty per cent and to less than one third what other States have spent in aid of our infant Confederacy, I have thus sought to answer as fully as the time would permit your resolution. In Conclusion I moved and that my only regret is that I have not been able as the Representative of the State of Mississippi to come to the aid of the Confederate government with more men and more money, and further to declare that all the means at my disposal should be used to aid the Confederacy whenever called for by the President, whether money, arms, or troops and that all the powers vested in me by the Legislature or Constitution should be exerted to place Mississippi

in the front rank of the Confederate States in the Contributions as well as the battle for our independence

John J Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 6th 1861

Mr President I am instructed by his excellency the Governor to deliver you the enclosed message in writing

John M Echols
Privt Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 6th 1861

To the Senate

Gentlemen, By an ordinance to Regulate the Military System of the State of Mississippi adopted Jany 26th 1861 It is provided that Vacancies may be filled in the Military Board by Appointment, The Major Generals to be appointed by the Governor and the Brigadier Generals by the Major Generals, "The appointment of each being subject to the approval of the State Senate," I herewith report to you for your action under said ordinance the names of those who have been appointed to fill Vacancies in the Military Board, Genl Reuben Davis of Monroe County appointed by said Major General to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Genl Charles Clark, Brig Genl of the West of Yalobusha County appointed by Genl Clark, Brig Genl S G Dahlgren of Adams County appointed by Major Genl Reuben Davis and Brig Genl John O'Neill of Clark County appointed by Genl Reuben Davis, All which is respectfully submitted for your action.

John J Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 6th

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor desires and approves the following Senate Bills and Resolutions

No 9 An act to authorize the Sheriffs, Tax Collectors, and State Treasurer to receive Treasury notes of the Confederate States in payment of taxes and other dues,

No 10 An act to provide for the Custody and preservation of the records and judicial proceedings of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States in this State,

No 11 An act to make the Statute Laws of the State applicable to the Confederate States instead of the United States,

No 12 An act to exempt from military Duty during the present war Certain Citizens of Harrison County engaged in the Manufacture of Gun Powder,

No 13 An act to Control the Funds arising from the Sale of Runaway Slaves in Hinds County,

No 14 An act to reduce the salary of the adjutant general of the State

" 15 An act to amend the Military ordinance &C

Resolution providing for the publication of an ordinance Entitled an Ordinance to Amend the Constitution of the State of Mississippi in several particulars,

Resolution, Requesting our Representatives in Congress to procure the passage of a law for the Relief of Mail Contractors Marshals & their Deputies

Jno M Echols
Privt

Executive Office Aug 6th 186

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and affixed the following House bills & Resolutions

No 17 An act to amend the Charter of the City of Jackson.

No 18 An act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in any quantity in Rankin as the County of Jefferson and for other purposes.

No 19 An act to admit the State of Mississippi into Seven Congressional Districts.

No 20 An act to ratify a contract entered into by the mayor and Aldermen of the City of Jackson and James H Bozeman.

No 21 An act for the relief of Caroline M Hammett.

No 22 An act to amend an act entitled an act to aid in Repairing and Protecting the levee of the Mississippi River in the Counties of Warren Issaquena Bolivar Washington and Sharkey Approved December 2nd 1858

No 23 An act to authorize the issuance of patents for lands in certain cases.

No 24 An act to incorporate the Marshall County Manufacturing Company

No 25 An act to amend an act entitled an act to Regulate the Sale of Wines and Spirituous Liquors contained in Chapter 20 of the Revised Code.

No 26 An act to modify the Collection laws of this State.

No 27 An act to exempt money invested in Confederate and State Securities from taxation.

No 28 An act to furnish stamping with dates and otherwise amend the Criminal laws of this State

No 29 An act to suspend the Collection of the ten per cent levee tax in certain Counties

No 30 An act to authorize the Board of Police of Yazoo and Sahoma County to issue Scrip in payment for levee work

No 31 An act to amend the criminal laws in relation to Adultery and Fornication.

No 32 An act supplemental to an act to amend the Charter of the City of Jackson

No 33 An act making certain appropriations therein named

No 34 An act to suspend the Appropriation for the Geological Survey of this State during the war between the United States and Confederate States of America

No 35 An act to enable the Volunteer Companies in the service of the Confederate States to draw the amount due them under the 18th Section of an act Approved Feby 1

Resolution to Authorize Col Francis of Ordinance department to make alterations

Resolution In Reference to Military instructions in State Universities

Jno H Eckels
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Executive Office Jackson Miss

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas Charles Williams is now Confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced by the Circuit Court of Desoto County for the Crime of manslaughter for the term of seven years
And Whereas I have received Petitions Signed by many good Citizens of said County for his Relief

Now Therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by Virtue of the authority Vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper. do grant this my pardon for the said Charles Williams and do require you to release him upon the receipt of these letters,

Given under my hand and Great Seal of State Affixed this the 7th day of August A D 1861
By the Governor
John J Pettus
E. H. Broughton Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 20th 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas John B Martin is now confined in the State Penitentiary sentenced by the Circuit Court of Lawrence county for the crime of shooting with intent to Kill,

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi have thought proper in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State do grant this my pardon for the said John B Martin and do require you to release him upon the receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great
Seal of State affixed
By the Governor John J Pettus
E. H. Broughton
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 24th 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas James Timms is now confined in the State Penitentiary for the Crime of Stealing a Slave, Sentenced by the Circuit Court of Madison County for the term of Ten years

Now therefore I. John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi have thought proper in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State do grant this my pardon for the said James Timms and do require you to release him upon the receipt of this letter

Given under my hand and
Great Seal of State affixed
By the Governor John J Pettus
E. H. Broughton
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 26th 1861

To the Patriotic Citizens of the State of Mississippi & Especially the Ladies

Gen Sick and Wounded Soldiers need comforts, which neither the Confederate nor the State government have the power to furnish without your assistance, In the above Letter will be found a list of such articles most desired needed,

Confident no lengthy appeal is necessary in the cause I simply publish the letter received from the Department in relation to the matter, and ask your Co-operation in relieving the sick and wounded

And I do hereby appoint the Probate Clerks of the several Counties throughout the State to receive all such donations as may be tendered, and they are requested to cause the same to be securely packed and shipped to the Quarter Master, at Jackson, Who will defray the necessary expenses of packing and transportation,

Special Attention is called to instructions in the letter as to packing and marking the packages.

John I Pettus

The papers throughout the State are requested to Copy

Executive Office Jackson Miss August 26th 1861

To the Sheriff of the several Counties: Greeting

Whereas the Law has designated the first Monday in October 1861 as the day for holding elections for State Officers in this State, and Whereas it is made my duty to cause a writ requiring you to hold said elections at the time and places recited by Law

Now therefore I John I Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi do issue this my writ requiring You to hold an election at the several precincts in your Counties on the Monday the 7th day of October next for the following Officers to serve for the time Specified by Law. to wit

One Governor.
One Secretary of State
One Auditor of Public accounts
One State Treasurer
One Attorney General and Senators (when vacancies exist) and Representatives in the State Legislature.

At said election you will notice and carry out all the requisitions of an act to regulate elections of this state.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed

John I Pettus

By the Governor

C A Brougher
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Augt 26th 1861

To the Sheriff of the several Counties: Greeting

Whereas the Laws of Congress designate Wednesday the 6th day of November 1861 as the day for holding election of Electors for President and Vice President, and Members of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States And it is made my duty by same the laws of this state to issue a writ requiring you to hold said election at the time and places elected by law.

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the state of Mississippi, do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your County on Wednesday the 6th day of November next for the election of Electors for President and Vice President and Members of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States

And said Election you will notice and Carry out the regulations of an act to regulate elections of this state

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the great Seal of the state to be affixed

By the Governor

John J Pettus.

A. H. Brougher
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Sept 5th 1861

To the Sheriff of Warren County. Greeting

Whereas by the Death of W W Conard district attorney for the Criminal Court of Warren County a vacancy has occured in said office the unexpired term whereof has sworn than one year to run. and Whereas the laws of this state in such case require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the powers vested in and by the constitution and laws of this State do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your county, on monday the 6th day of October next for a District attorney to fill out the unexpired term of the said W W Conard and I do enjoin you to hold and conduct the said election in all respects according to law and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the great seal of the State to be affixed this the 5th day of September A D 1861

John J Pettus

By the Governor

A. H. Brougher
Secy of State

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Executive Office Jackson Mississippi
Sept 13th 1861

To the Keeper of the State Penitentiary

Whereas Milton Smith of Franklin County is now confined in the State Penitentiary for the Crime of Manslaughter sentenced for the term of two years

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State thought proper do grant this my pardon for the said Milton Smith and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and the great seal of state affixed

By the Governor — John J Pettus

W H Broughton
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Sept 21st 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas John B Fisher is now confined in the State Penitentiary for crime of shooting with intent to kill committed in Warren County

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper do grant this my pardon for the said John B Fisher and do require you to release him upon the receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and the great Seal of State affixed

By the Governor — John J Pettus

W H Broughton Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss

To the Sheriff of Itawamba County; Greeting

Whereas by the Resignation of Jno W Lemonton Senator in the Legislature a vacancy has occured in said office the unexpired term whereof has more than one year to run, and Whereas the laws of this State in such cases require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people,

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your county; on Monday the 7th day of October next for a Senator in the Legislature to fill out the unexpired term of the said Jno W Lemonton, and I do enjoin you to hold and conduct the said election, in all respects according to law, and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed this the 21st day of September AD 1861

John J Pettus

W H Broughton
Secy of State

To the Sheriff of Chickasaw County Greeting

Whereas by the Resignation of J M Thompson Senator in the Legislature a vacancy has occured in said Office, the unexpired term whereof has more than one year to run: and whereas the laws of this State in such cases require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people.

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your county on monday the 7 day of October next for a Senator in the Legislature to fill out the unexpired term of the said J M Thompson. And I do enjoin you to hold and conduct the said election in all respects according to law and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed this the 23rd day of September AD 1861

By the Governor John J Pettus

C A Broughton Secy of State.

Executive Office Jackson Miss

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary.

Whereas Henry Humphries is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced from Marion County for the Crime of Larceny

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi have thought proper by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State to grant this my pardon for the said Henry Humphries and do require you to release him on receipt of this letter

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed this the 23rd September AD 1861

By the Governor John J Pettus

C A Broughton Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Sept 23 1861

To the Superintendent of State Penitentiary

Whereas J F Smith is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced from Rankin county for the Crime of Larceny

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said J F Smith and do require you to release him on the receipt of these letters

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed

By the Governor John J Pettus

C A Broughton Secy of State

To the Sheriff of the Counties of
Calhoun, Carroll Choctaw Sunflower, Tallahatchie & Yalobusha Greeting
Whereas by the resignation of E C Walthall district Attorney for the 10th Judicial District a vacancy has occured in said office the unexpired term whereof is two more than one year to run, and whereas the laws of this state in such cases require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people.
Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the powers vested in and by the Constitution and laws of this State do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your county on Wednesday the 6th day of November next for a District Attorney to fill out the unexpired term of the said E C Walthall and I do enjoin you to hold said election in all respects according to law and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be hereunto affixed this the 28 Day of September A D 1861
By the Governor John J Pettus

C M Brayton Secy of State

Proclamation for 10.000 Troops
Whereas Genl A S Johnson under authority of the President of the Confederate States of America, has called on the State of Mississippi to furnish ten thousand (10.000) men for the defense of the Mississippi River and the State included in Military Department No 2
Volunteers will be received by Companies Battalions or Regiments for twelve months or a longer period of time. Volunteers are requested to bring with them any effective weapon that can be obtained in their neighborhoods. These arms will be replaced in the hands of the troops by uniform arms as the Volunteers practicable service. The places of Rendezvous will be Natchez Vicksburg and Grenada, at each of these places officers will be in readiness to muster into service Companies Battalions or regiments as soon as organized for the war or for twelve months as they may decide to serve.
At these designated places practicers will be made for supplies and the instruction of the troops will be prosecuted until they can be armed and prepared to move on the frontier
Therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the state of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in and by law, do hereby proclaim that Volunteers for the period are desired and will be accepted as above specified

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State Affixed at the City of Jackson this the 28th day of September A D 1861
By the Governor John J Pettus

C M Brayton
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Oct 7th 1861

To W.M Hardin Superintendent of State Penitentiary

Whereas Thomas S Robinson is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced by Circuit Court of Calhoun County for crime of Larceny

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi have thought proper by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State do grant this my pardon for the said Thomas S Robinson and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

given under my hand & great Seal of State

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By the Governor

John J Pettus

C. H. Broughton

Secy of State.

Executive Office Jackson Miss. Oct 10th 1861

To the Sheriff of Monroe County

Whereas Hiram L Eagle was fined by the Circuit Court of Monroe County One hundred dollars for the Crime of Assault and battery upon the person of Tyrone

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my release of said Hiram L Eagle of the fine of One hundred $100 dollars and do require you to release him upon the receipt of these letters.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great Seal of State.

By the Governor

John J. Pettus

C. H. Broughton

Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Oct 15th 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas Thomas J Gray is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced by the Circuit Court of Neshoba County for the Crime of Larceny.

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Thomas J. Gray and do require you to release him upon receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and the great.

Seal of State affixed

By the Governor

John J Pettus

C. H. Broughton

Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Oct 16th 1861

To the Sheriff of Lauderdale County

Whereas Lemuel McKart is now confined in the jail of Lauderdale County Sentenced by the Circuit Court of said County for assault and battery, for the term of twelve months,

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in and by the Constitution and Laws of the State have thought proper, do grant this my pardon for the said Lemuel McKart and do require you to release him upon the receipt of this

Given under my hand and great seal of State office

By the Governor

John J Pettus

A P Brougher
Secy of State

To the Sheriffs of Madison & Scott Counties Greeting

Whereas by the resignation of Gov Jos R Davis Senator in the Legislature from the Counties of Madison and Scott a vacancy has occured in said office the unexpired term whereof has more than one year to run: and Whereas the laws of this State in such case require that such vacancies should be filled by election by the people

Now therefore I Jno J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your county on Wednesday the 6th day of November Next for a Senator to fill out the unexpired term of the said Jos R Davis: and I do enjoin you to hold and Conduct the said election in all respects according to law and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State

Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be hereunto affixed this the 23rd day of October AD 1861

By the Governor

John J Pettus

A P Brougher
Secy of State

To the Sheriff of Covington Simpson Jones Marion & Perry Counties

Whereas by the resignation of Hon W J Rankin Senator from the Counties of Covington Simpson Jones Marion & Perry a vacancy has occured in said office the unexpired term whereof has more than one year to run, and whereas the laws of this State, in such case require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the People

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your County on Monday the 11th day of November next for a Senator to fill out the unexpired term of the said W J Rankin: and I do enjoin upon you to hold and conduct the said election in all respects according to law and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of State to be hereunto affixed this the 25th day of October AD 1861

By the Governor — John J Pettus

C A Brougher
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Oct 29 1861

To the Superintendent of State Penitentiary

Whereas Richard Allen is now confined in the State Penitentiary and his term expires on the 13th November next

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Miss by virtue of authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Richard Allen and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters.

Given under my hand and great seal of State affixed
By the Governor — John J Pettus

C A Brougher Secy of State

To the Sheriff of the County of Winston, State of Mississippi: Greeting

Whereas York a man of the property of J M Johnson was tried at the September term of the Circuit Court of Winston County and convicted of the crime of arson and sentenced to the punishment of death to be executed on the 8th day of November

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State have thought proper do grant this my respite for the said York, until the 1st Friday in January next and do require you to suspend the execution of the sentence until said date

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of State Executive at the City of Jackson this the 31st day of October AD 1861

By the Governor — John J Pettus.

C A Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss [illegible]

To the Sheriff of Hinds County

Whereas Robert W Cade was convicted of the crime of [illegible] by the Circuit Court of Rankin County and sentenced to Confinement in the [illegible] Penitentiary and said sentence has been affirmed by the High Court of Errors and Appeals

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the state of Mississippi by [illegible] Virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state [illegible] thought proper do grant this my pardon for the said Robert W Cade and do require you to release him on the receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of state affixed

By the Governor John J Pettus

C A Scruggs
Secy of State

Executive office Jackson Miss Nov 8th 1865

Gentlemen of the Senate & House of Representatives

The two years which have elapsed since the last regular session of the Legislature, have been marked by events of more vital importance to the people of Mississippi than any which have transpired since the formation of the State

The federal union which was rarely stamped "perpetual" has been discovered by the withdrawal of eleven of the sovereign states which composed it. For the statement of causes which led to this separation, and the [illegible] which Mississippi acted, I must refer you to the Legislation of the convention of the people of the state, and the ordinances of the Legislature which I deemed it my duty to execute. The wisdom and necessity of this action has ceased to be subjects of debate between of Record States.

With a unanimity unparalleled in the history of republican governments the people of this state have decided that the administration of the Federal government in the hands of Mr Lincoln would be destructive of the ends for which governments are instituted among men, and have instituted a new government, laying its foundations on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as to them seems most likely to effect their happiness and safety

Whether we should be permitted to exercise this unquestionable and inalienable right of sovereign States, or be subjugated and governed at the will of a [illegible] despot, is the grave question which is now being debated on bloody fields and with larger armies than this continent has heretofore known! And until it is decided in our favor; which is the only question worthy the attention of public or private men, for if decided against us, all for which freemen should wish to live is lost to us and our children forever.

How to place Mississippi in the best condition to exert her full force in securing this conflict successful, is certainly the first duty I assert and will be the chief aim of the present Legislature

The most obvious means of accomplishing this is the adoption of [illegible] to render more comfortable and healthy, and consequently more efficient the Volunteer who are now bravely bearing all the hardships incident to a soldiers life. A more regular and efficient mode of [illegible]

them with Clothing is imperatively demanded.

The law enacted at the last session of the Legislature, authorizing the Board of Police of the several Counties to levy a tax sufficient to provide Clothing for the companies of their respective Counties, operates unequally, and in some instances oppressively: Some Counties with but little wealth have furnished from ten to fifteen Companies, while others, with more than double the wealth have furnished but two or three. The poorer Counties are thus required to bear more than a just ratio in supporting the war. I suggest the propriety of providing Clothing at the expence of the State, thus placing the burthen of sustaining the troops on the property which they are defending: or if deemed best, the State could be reimbursed for this outlay by receiving from the Confederate States the Commutation money due the troops and thus only act as an agent to facilitate the Conversion of the Commutation money into suitable Clothing.

The provision of the law of 1857 giving to members of Volunteer Companies their per annum, was extended by ordinance of the Convention, to all volunteers who should be mustered into the service of the State under the military ordinance of said Convention. Many Companies having entered the Confederate service without being mustered into the service of the State, have not received the benefit of this provision and Complain of this discrimination against them. I respectfully suggest the propriety and justice of placing all on an equal footing in this respect, and giving to Companies which have gone directly into the Confederate service similar advantages with those mustered into the service of the State.

When this matter was under consideration in the Convention no other mode of raising volunteers than that provided for in the ordinance referred to, was thought of and this accounts for the seeming partiality. If any discrimination is made it should be in favor of, and not against Volunteers who enlist for the war.

From the report of the Adjutant General herewith transmitted, it will be seen that Mississippi has now in the Confederate service twenty two regiments and one battalion of Infantry, one regiment and fourteen Companies of Cavalry and eleven Companies of Artillery, amounting in the aggregate to about 25.000: the number not definitely stated, for the reason that several of the regiments have no muster rolls on file at the Adjutant Generals office. To this estimate should be added a considerable number of independent Companies tendered directly to the Confederate Authorities, and ordered to Missouri, Kentucky or Virginia, probably fifteen Companies, making the number over 24.000.

When this number shall be further increased by the thirty Companies enlisted for the war now in Camps in this State, and the Companies now rapidly pending in their tenders of service under the recent call of Major General A. S. Johnston for ten thousand troops the aggregate will exceed 35.000 which is probably a larger proportion of the adult male population, than any State or Nation has sent forth to war in modern times: and when it is remembered that not one of all these thousands have been required by law to enter the service or constrained by any force save their patriotic desire to stand between the State and her enemies, Mississippi may well feel proud of her soldier defenders and cheerfully bear any burthen necessary to cherish and sustain them.

In the month of August last the eight regiments ordered to be raised by the ordinance of the Convention adopted the 23 January 1861 were completed.

Believing that the federal government would invade the Sea Shore and Cotton shipping ports of the South this fall, and that the Confederate Government would require a large force to meet them: I ordered the eight regiments into Camps of instruction, that they might be trained to camp life get on the drill sufficient to Command, be instructed and drilled, and then reserved efficient

of Mississippi on the battlefield, and capable of doing credit
and honor to the Confederacy. I expected that they would go
these Camps into the Confederate Service, and the result has
my expectations, and they have all been mustered into that
and ten thousand more called for by the Confederate authorities
the desperate efforts now being made to subjugate the Seceding
Having these troops in Camps, I was enabled promptly to respond
urgent calls of Generals Johnston and Polk for help in Kentucky.
four of the regiments have been sent, and to meet the demand
more troops on the Sea Shore, although many of my fellow citizens
have differed with me in opinion, in regard to the necessity or propriety
of this measure. Now when the plans of the enemy are more fully
developed my only regret in the matter is, that Mississippi did not have more
troops better drilled and better equipped, ready to meet the hosts of enemies
now threatening her on the North and on the South.

To facilitate forming and sustaining these camps of instruction
the Brigadier Generals were furnished with Treasury notes and
required to cause to their Brigades districts, and exchange the notes, if
practicable, for money, and buy camp equipage, provisions, and arms
of every description which could be made available for military
purposes. Double Barrel Shot Guns and Hunting Rifles were thus obtained
to the number of three or four thousand, and are now being altered or
repaired in this City and in Aberdeen. Many of them have already
been sent to the troops in Kentucky and to those in camp at Enterprise.
All other sources of supply of arms having failed, I resorted to this as
a matter of necessity, believing that should we not be able to get better
arms before the enemy came, our volunteers would be able to exchange
them for better after their first battle.

The convention of the State in January last, authorized and provided
for the issuing of One million of Treasury notes or bonds to be sold and
proceeds used in the defence of the State. Finding it impossible to effect
the sale of a sufficient amount of these notes for gold and Silver, to
meet the heavy expenses incident to arming and providing an outfit for
the large number of troops required from this State, I have exercised
a discretion which I believe is given me by the Ordinance, and caused
these notes to be used as money in the purchase of arms, accoutrements
equipage and supplies which were necessary for the defence of the State.
In thus acting, I deemed that I was carrying out the spirit of the ordinance
and effecting the manifest purpose and intention of the convention in
the only manner practicable.

The financial condition of the State, requires and will doubtless receive
your most earnest consideration. How best to meet the requirements of the Confederate
and State Governments, for the necessary funds to defray the extraordinary expenses
of the present war, is a question which has, and will continue to engage the
attention of both Confederate and State Legislatures during the war.

Some new digested financial scheme is now the most pressing want of the
Country. The people of this State dependent almost entirely on the sale
Cotton for money. Having no large cities where Capital is accumulated,
no bank, and having spent the ready money on hand at the commencement
of hostilities, in fitting out their Sons for the field, will be peculiarly embarrassed
in paying their taxes, unless some plan can be devised by which Cotton can
be converted into the means of payment.

If this can be done, then no trouble on this subject remains and the
Confederate Government might double the tax, and it would be borne
cheerfully as the most moderate State tax was ever paid. but unless

Can be thus exchanged my deliberate opinion is that the present low current ... Various plans for effecting this object have been presented to the country, none of ... seem to have met with general approbation, One which appears to be favored ... Richmond, is to induce the banks to advance their notes on cotton and other ... If the Banks would consent to this it seems to me liable to ten very serious objections ... First: That the people would be required to pay large sums as interest for the use of ... the notes of the banks, which do not redeem them with specie. Second. That ... the Government shall have received and paid out this paper currency and the ... Country flooded with Bank paper. What guarantee is offered that the interest ... paid by the people will be the only loss sustained by them in the transaction ... and that the bank paper thus put in circulation will be finally redeemed ... If we must rely on a paper currency during the continuance of the ... blockade, which I believe is admitted by all, would it not be both ... cheaper and safer for the Confederate Government to make that paper ... currency by issuing Treasury notes to the full amount of the wants ... of the Government: The legislatures of the Several states might materially aid in giving ... these notes a continued currency by making them receivable at the State Treasury ... for all State dues, and the tax for their ultimate payment be collected on the ... raising of the blockade; and if necessary it might be made double or treble ... the present rate, and it would be less burthensome and more cheerfully paid. ... I respectfully suggest the propriety of an early Consideration of this grave ... subject by the legislature, and that such instructions be given to the ... Members of ~~Congress~~ the Confederate Congress from this State, as the assembled ... representatives of the people, Coming fresh from them, and informed ... fully of their present condition, may deem best calculated to promote ... the success of our cause, and interest of the State: With this assurance ... however, to the Confederate States Congress, assembled at Richmond, that ... Mississippi will to the full extent of her power and means, strive ... to make successful any plan which may be adopted by the ... Confederate Congress.

Let the Confederate Government be assured that the patient ... fortitude of the people at home, to bear any and all sacrifices necessary ... for a successful prosecution of this war, is equal to the daring heroism ... of our troops in the field, and it will gallantly conduct this struggle ... to a glorious termination, and dictate terms of peace, without abating ... one jot or tittle of our just rights.

Our people may well endure the privations of a few years of war ... consoled by the reflection, that for them, with returning peace, come ... prosperity; while to our foes, no peace can restore their former prosperity ... when bootless and baffled they are driven back to survey the ruin brought ... on their country by their own folly. They might well be addressed in the ... language of the veiled Prophet to his deluded followers "Be warned be ... duped and victims and ye are

At the commencement of hostilities between the two sections of the ... United States, a company of Volunteers took possession of the Federal property ... on Ship Island. At the suggestion of the Military Board, the perishable ... portion of the property was ordered to be sold, and the net proceeds amounting ... to something over nine hundred dollars, turned over to Black ... McAfee & Co of New Orleans, who were then purchasing powder and ... other munitions of war for the State, and has been accounted for ... in their account Current with the State.

Some complaints have been made to me of inconvenience resulting from ... the absence of Civil officers, who have enlisted as volunteers, from ... that no power has been conferred on the Governor to detain or fill ... vacancies in such cases. I have taken no action, and now refer it ...

your wisdom to devise whatever remedy may be deemed expedient.

For a detailed account of the expenditures of the State Government the last two years, I refer you to the reports of the Auditor and Treasurer now being prepared.

A large portion of these expenditures have been incurred for munitions of war most of which have been turned over to the Confederate Government, with the consent from this State, and are claimed and admitted to be advances from the State to the Confederate Government, accounts for which, amounting to over three hundred thousand dollars were sent to Richmond in August last and seventy four thousand audited and paid in Confederate Treasury notes: and a recent letter from the Treasury of the Confederate States informs me that the ballance is now being Audited and will shortly be settled. I have ordered a further account to be taken of advances in munitions of war and provisions, made since August, to be sent on to Richmond, which will amount to several hundred thousand more.

For full report of all munitions of war and provisions thus turned over to the Confederate Government, I respectfully refer you to the reports of the Quarter Master General and Chief of Ordnance

At the last regular session of the Legislature an appropriation of ten thousand dollars was made for repairing and painting the Capitol. Failing to get the painting Contracts for at prices which I thought the State ought to pay, no contracts for that portion of the Contract work was made. Contracts for repairing the stone work and porticos and for repairing the roof were entered into, and a portion of the work done. The stone work at each end of the Porticos has been braced with bars of iron to prevent any of the stones falling, and the roof repaired thoroughly. All the work done amounts to but a few hundred dollars, and that has not been paid for the reason that the Contractors volunteered and left for the war before the work was Completed.

The ordinance of the Convention creating a Military Board and giving to it power to prescribe rules and regulations for the government of the troops of this State, provided that such action of the Board should be subject to the approval of the Convention or the Legislature when the Convention should have finally adjourned. At the last Called session of the Legislature a full transcript of all the action of the Board was sent to the House of Representatives, and I presume is now with the papers of the unfinished business of that session and I respectfully call the subject to the Consideration of the present Legislature: and herewith transmit a printed Copy of the orders of said Board at its earlier and most important sessions. The main purpose for which this Board was created, the organization and putting troops in the field having been accomplished, a less expensive and less complicated system for the administration of the Military affairs of the State might be devised.

It is my painful duty to inform you that Col E R Burt Auditor of Public accounts, fell mortally wounded at the Battle of Leesburg, while gallantly leading a regiment of Mississippi's brave sons to one of the most brilliant victories which has crowned our arms during the war. While we honor the brave dead and feel that his deeds have shed lustre on the State of Mississippi and acknowledge that his life was sacrificed in rendering the most valuable service which a citizen can perform for a free people, repelling invaders who seek to enslave them, would it not be well for the state to remember that those who depended on him for the cherishing care of a father and husband, are left with us, and may need assistance which he can give no more: For these reasons

recommend that such provisions be made by this State for the family as the circumstances may be found to require,

The magnitude and duration of the war in which we are engaged have not been fully appreciated. The vast interests involved exceed anything contended for by armies in modern times. The North, contending for the absolute control of the hundreds of millions of the tieming annual products of Southern fields, will not be easily driven from their pretensions to the right to plunder us, and will doubtless submit to any sacrifice or long as hope remains of so rich a conquest. While the Southern State battling in defence of property, honor, life and for which freemen should be ready to live, cannot abandon the conflict no matter what sacrifices may be required to be made in its continuance, the must triumph or perish! Let the legislative action of the State upon this to our friends and foes as the action of our troops in the field has spoken it, and the conflict may be shortened and victory will be insured,

I cannot in justice close this message without paying a heartfelt tribute to the patriotic, self sacrificing devotion exhibited by the women of Mississippi. If our brave defenders are supplied with clothing sufficient to keep the field in the winter campaign the Country will be indebted for it to the patient toil of the daughters of the South,

May the God who rewards virtue and defends the right, bless them and shield those for whom they have toiled

John. J. Pettus

Executive Office Nov 8th

Mr Speaker

I am directed by his excellency the Governor to deliver you the
enclosed message with the accompanying documents

Jno N Echols
Private Secy

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Nov 8th 1861

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

I herewith transmit you
report of the State Librarian, made in accordance with the pro-
visions of an act approved July 11th 1860.

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss Nov 9th 61

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas J M Vaughan is now confined in the
State penitentiary sentenced from Copiah County for the crime of obtaining goods
under false pretences

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi
by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this
State do grant this my pardon for the said J M Vaughan and
do require you to release him on the receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and the
Great seal of State affixed
By the Governor John J Pettus

C J Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Nov 11th 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas Thomas J Scott is now confined in the State
Penitentiary sentenced from Adams County for the Crime of Larceny

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of
Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and
Laws of this State have thought proper do grant this my pardon for
the said Thomas J Scott and do require you to release him
on the receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and the great seal of
State affixed
By the Governor John J Pettus

C J Brougher
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Nov 11th 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas D C Wilson is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced from Marshall County for the Crime of Arson

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Miss by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said D C Wilson and do require you to release him on the receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and the great seal of State affixed

By the Governor

John J Pettus

E A Broughton
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Nov 11th 1861

To the Sheriff of Covington County

Whereas Henry C Holloway was convicted of assault and battery by the Circuit Court of Covington County

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Henry C Holloway and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hands and great Seal of State affixed

By the Governor

John J Pettus

E A Broughton
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Nov 12th 1861

Mr Speaker

I am directed by his excellency the Governor to deliver you the enclosed Message and accompanying documents

Jno A Echols Private Secy

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Nov 12th 1861

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

Herewith I transmit you Report of the Operations of the Lunatic Asylum in accordance with Act 3 page 163 "Revised Code of Mississippi"

John J Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss Nov 13th 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas John J Barton is now confined in the State Penitentiary under sentence from Chickasaw County for the crime of Horse Stealing

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said John J Barton and do require you to release him on the receipt of this letter

Given under my hand and the great seal of State offices

By the Governor

John J Pettus

C A Broughton

Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Nov 13th 1861

Mr President

His excellency the governor did on the 13th Inst sign and approve enrolled bill entitled

An act to arm Captains J W Barnett and Robert Muldrows Cavalry Companies now in the service of the confederate States government

Jno N Echols

Private Secy

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Nov 14th 1861

Mr Speaker

I am directed by his excellency the Governor to deliver you the enclosed message with the accompanying document.

Jno N Echols Private Secy

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Nov 14th 1861

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

I herewith transmit you Report of the State Treasurer made in Compliance with Resolution of your Honorable body on the 9th Inst Which has been delayed by absence of State Treasurer

John J Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss Nov 15th 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas James Comstock is now confined in the State Penitentiary under sentence by the Circuit Court of Choctaw County for the crime of shooting with intent to kill and Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said James Comstock and do require you to release him on the receipt of this letter

Given under my hand & great Seal of State offices

Executive Office Nov 19th 1861

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor did on the 13th Sign and Approve Vetoed Bills Entitled

No 1 An act to amend Section two, Chapter Sixty four of the acts of November 1859. in relation to the Charter of the City of Vicksburg,

No 2 An act to authorize the transcribing of the records of Hinds County

No 3 An acts for the relief of Nelson T Warren of Washington County

No 4 An act to amend an act entitled "an act to establish in the County of Warren an inferior Court of Criminal jurisdiction" approved Febry 1st 1861

Jno. H. Echols Private Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Nov 19th 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas John Cragg is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced from Itawamba County for the Crime of Negro Stealing

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Miss by virtue of authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of this state have thought proper to grant this my Pardon for the said John Cragg and do require you to release him on receipt of these Letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of State at office

By the Governor John J Pettus

C. H. Brougher
Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Nov 21st 1861

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has this day signed and Approved Senate bills Entitled

No 2 An act to remove the civil disabilities of Shepard Washington, a minor of the County of Hinds So far as to allow him to make a last will and testament.

No 3 An act for the relief of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State in Certain Cases.

No 4 An act to suspend the Collection of the Mobile and Ohio Rail Road tax in the County of Kemper

Jno. H. Echols
Private Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Nov 21st 1861

Hon. W. Echols Private Sec'y

Executive Office Jackson Nov 21st 1861

Sir

I herewith transmit you the biennial report of the Trustees of the University of Mississippi and Command it to your favorable Consideration.

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss. Nov 20th 1861

Hon. W. Echols Private Sec'y

Executive Office Jackson Nov 21st 1861

Sir

I herewith transmit you the biennial report of the Trustees of the University of Mississippi and Command it to your favorable Consideration.

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss. Nov 20th 1861

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives

I herewith transmit for your consideration telegrams from Gov Isham G Harris of Tennessee and Generals Gideon J Pillow and Leonidas Polk at Columbus Ky, informing me of the threatened attack on Columbus by a large force of the enemy and asking for such assistance as the State of Mississippi may be able to lend, I have sent to Genl Polk twenty Kegs of cannon powder and a considerable quantity of fixed ammunition for the field batteries. Regarding the interest and honor of Mississippi both involved in sustaining with all her available force our friends at Columbus, I suggest the propriety and importance of some prompt action of the Legislature authorizing the Raising of troops as can be immediately raised and armed to assist in the defence of that important post, Companies might be called for, to serve for sixty days, to bring with them their own arms. Several companies partially armed, are now in camps at Vicksburg, Natchez, and Grenada which have been mustered into the confederate service, and will probably be ordered to Kentucky as I have informed Genl Polk of their condition. There are two companies of Cavalry, which have been mustered into the service of the State, - The Cohiah Horse Guards and Tishomingo Rangers. These two companies if authorized, I would order to Columbus at once. I deem the safety of our position and forces at Columbus, as of such vital importance to this State, as to claim the prompt and decisive action of all the State Authorities.

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss

Hon Sec State

His Excellency the Governor has this day signed and approved the following Entitled

No 5. An act to authorize the Governor of Mississippi to accept Volunteers for immediate Service in support of the Confederate troops at Columbus Kentucky or elsewhere they may be needed.

No 6. An act supplemental to "an act entitled "An act to authorize the Governor of the State of Mississippi to accept Volunteers for immediate Service in support of the Confederate troops at Columbus Kentucky. or elsewhere they may be needed.

Jno H Echols Private Secy

Forfeiture

Executive Office Jackson Miss Nov 21 1861

To the Sheriff of Hinds County

You are hereby authorized and required to suspend the Collection of the forfeiture of the recognizance of R A Blackford and his securities in the case of the State of Mississippi VS R A Blackford, until the meeting of the next regular Session of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi

Given under my hand and the great Seal of State at office

By the Governor John J Pettus

C J Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Nov 22nd 1861

To the Sheriff of Monroe County

Whereas James Murdock was convicted at the spring term of the circuit court of Monroe County for the crime of selling ten pins and fined the sum of One hundred dollars

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon to the said James Murdock of the fine of One hundred dollars and do require you to release him on the receipt of these Letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of State at office

By the Governor John J Pettus

C J Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Nov 23 1861

To the Sheriff of Itawamba County.

Whereas Robert S Westmoreland was found guilty of Assault and Battery and sentenced to One months imprisonment and a fine One Hundred dollars. and for the crime of Malicious Mischief sentenced to One month and fined Three hundred dollars.

Now Therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper do grant this my pardon for the said Robert S Westmoreland and do require you to release him from the said fines and imprisonment on the receipt of these letters.

Given under my hand and great Seal of State affixed

By the Governor John J Pettus

C A Broughton Secy of State.

Executive Office Jackson Miss Nov 23 1861

To the Sheriff of Washington County.

Whereas Thad Cooper was indicted for having escaped and sentenced by the Circuit Court for Six months imprisonment and fined five hundred dollars.

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this do grant this my pardon for the said Thad Cooper from the Six months imprisonment and three hundred dollars of the said fine of five hundred dollars and do require you to release him on his paying the remainder two hundred dollars of the fine.

Given under my hand and great Seal of State affixed

By the Governor John J Pettus

C A Broughton Secy of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Nov 25th 1861

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor did sign and approve Joint Resolution to fill a vacancy in the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States.

He has also signed and approved Senate bill entitled

An act in relation to testimony in certain cases

Jno M Echols
Private Secy.

Executive Office Jackson
Nov 25th 186

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor did on the 23d Inst sign and approve
Enrolled bills Entitled

No 7 An act to reduce the fees of the Commissioners of the Submerged Lands in the County of
No 8 " An act to legalize the assessment returns of Yazoo and Sunflower Counties.
No 9 " An act to change the time of holding the Probate Court of Hancock County.
No 10 " An act to reduce the Salary of the Probate Judge of Pike County
No 11 " An act further to relieve the evils occasioned by the burning of the Court House of Attala County.
No 12 " An act to repeal so much of Chapter 6. Section 10 Article 112 of Revis Code as makes persons ineligible to the office of Sheriff, who shall have held the office of Sheriff for the two preceding terms.
No 13 " An act to legalize the levy of taxes by the Board of Police of Jackson County and for other purposes.
No 14 " An act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the proprietors of the town of Montgomery in Holmes County, and for other purposes. Approved the 24th day of February 1836
No 15 " An act to amend the Charter of Incorporation of the Board of Trustees to aid in establishing a publishing house to print books &c for the benefit of the Church
No 16 " An act to provide for the safe keeping of the records and files of the late Superior Court of Chancery of the State of Mississippi
No 17 " An act to reduce the Salary of the Probate Judge and the per diem of the members of the Board of Police of Hancock County.

We have also signed and approved Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi in relation to the battle of the 21st October 1861

Jno. N. Echols Private Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Nov 27th 1861

Mr President

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to deliver you the inclosed envelope with the accompanying petition

Jno N Echols Private Secy

Executive Office Nov 27th 1861

Gentlemen of the Senate

I herewith inclose your petition for the release of forfeitures in Case of the State of Mississippi vs W B Wade & Sureties also State of Mississippi vs N R Burke & Sureties and would respectfully ask your assent & Consent to the remission of the Same

John J Pettus

Executive Office Nov 29th 1861

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Senate Bill Entitled

#18 An act making the Treasury notes issued under an ordinance of the State Convention receivable in payment of dues to the State at all times before and after the period fixed for their redemption and for other purposes

Jno N Echols Senate Secy

Executive Office November 30th 1861

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following Senate bills and Resolutions.

#15 An act to amend an act approved February 28th 1856 Entitled an act to Amend an act approved March 16th 1852, for the reclamation of the Swamp and Overflowed public lands and for the improvement of the navigation of the various Rivers and Streams in this State so far as the same relates to the County of Chicot and for other purposes.

#16 An act to repeal an act entitled an act to prohibit the sale of Spirituous and Vinous liquors in the town of Houston in the County of Chickasaw approved December 3rd 1858

Resolutions Appointing Certain Committees

Resolution to authorize the Chief of Ordinance to furnish accoutrements to the Fireside Defenders.

Resolution Appropriating Cartridge boxes to the Smith Guitman Rifles

Resolution to appoint delegates to Southern Planters Convention to be held at Memphis on 16th Decr next.

Jno N Echols Senate Secy

Executive Office Nov 30th 1861

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following House bills and Resolutions

#19 An act to amend an act to incorporate the Normal Male and Female Academy in Greene County and for other purposes approved Feby 3 1860

#20 An act to amend an act in relation to the Charter of Brookville

#21 An act to reduce the fees of Certain Officers for Yalobusha County

#22 An act to authorize the Board of Police of Smith County to appropriate the monies arising from the sale of estrays, to County purposes.

#23 An act to define and punish the crime of fraudulent removal of personal property under mortgage, pledge or deed of trust and liens by Judgments from this State

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No 24 An act in relation to Slaves

No 25 An act to provide for the Collection of certain arrears of Taxes in the County of Jefferson.

Resolution in Relation to the Edwards Guards and Wm Mann Rifles

Resolution Granting W. H. Clark leave of absence for sixty days.

Jno McEchols Privt Sec

Executive Office Dec 2nd 1861

Mr President

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to deliver you the enclosed Message with the accompanying petition

Jno McEchols
Privt Sec

Executive Office Dec 2nd 1861

Gentlemen of the Senate

I herewith enclose you petitions for the relief of Prentiss in the Case of State of Mississippi Vs R N Farris & Securities of Mississippi Vs Samuel Prewett & Securities. State of Mississippi Vs B. F. Bryant & Securities. State of Mississippi Vs Matt Stevens & Securities and would respectfully ask your advice and Consent in the premises of the same.

John J. Pettus

To the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of this State - Greeting

Whereas, by the death of the Hon. E. R. Burt, Auditor of Public Accounts, a vacancy has occurred in said office, the unexpired term whereof has more than one year to run: And whereas, the laws of this State in such cases require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people;

Now, therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State, do issue this my writ, requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your county on Monday the tenth day of February next, for an Auditor of Public Accounts to fill out the unexpired term of said E. R. Burt; and I do enjoin you to hold and conduct the said election in all respects, according to law, and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, this the 30th day of November, A.D. 1861

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

C. A. Brougher, Secretary of State

Executive Office, Dec. 4, 1861

Mr. Speaker:

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following House Bills and Resolutions:

No. 26 An Act for the relief of Zenias A. Clark.

No. 27 An Act to confirm the location of Swamp and Overflowed lands in Green and Jackson counties, and for other purposes

No. 28 An Act to reduce the Salary of the Probate Judge of Tishomingo County

No. 29 An Act To extend the provisions of an act entitled an act to prohibit the sale and gratuitous distribution of Vinous, Spirituous and fermenting liquors within four miles of Westville Seminary in Simpson County, and for other purposes, to Police District No. 3 in Simpson county

No. 30 An Act to amend Chapter Twenty-three of the Revised Code, so far as regards the county of Adams

No. 31 An Act to amend the Common School Laws of Gallobusha County

No. 32 An Act for the relief of J. Duncan Davis, of Hancock county in this State

No. 33 An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the working of Roads in Adams County, approved December 3d 1858.

No. 34 An Act to reduce the county bar of Lauderdale County

No. 35 An Act to revive Article 12, chapter 8 of the Revised Code, so far as it relates to Jasper county, and for other purposes

No. 36 An Act to authorize persons claiming and occupying certain land under the Trustees of Jefferson College, and held by the State as internal improvement land, to enter the same

No. 37 An Act to reduce the Salary of the Probate Judge of Tippah County

No. 38 An Act to limit the compensation of the Treasurer of Tippah County

No. 39 An Act to secure the payment of all sums borrowed of the School Fund in Township 21 of Range 9 East, in Choctaw County

No. 40 An Act to incorporate the Ferrall Bridge Company

No. 41 An Act for the relief of the Common School Fund of Township twenty-two range eight east in Calhoun County

No. 42 An Act for the relief of Isham Dansby, of Newton county

No. 43 An Act for the relief of L. J. Lack, of Smith county

Resolution for the promotion of not only our political but material prosperity and independence

John W. Ward, Private Secretary

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 5, 1861

Mr Speaker:

His Excellency The Governor has Signed and approved The following House Bills

No 44 An act to prevent the collection of double taxes and for other purposes

No 45 An Act to appropriate fines, forfeitures and moneys arising from the Sales of Estrays and Runaway Slaves in Jones county

John W. Ward, Private Secretary

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 5, 1861

Mr. President:

His Excellency the Governor has Signed and approved the following Senate Bills

John W. Ward, Private Secretary

No 7 An Act to remove the civil disabilities of John Estelle Parsley, a minor of the county of Hinds, so far as to allow him to make a last Will and Testament

No 8 An Act for the relief of the Register and Receiver of the Land Office at Washington Mississippi

No 9 An Act to amend an act entitled an act to Incorporate the Mississippi Central Railroad Company, Approved 10th March, 1852

No 10 An Act to extend an act entitled an act to regulate the fees of the Clerks of the Circuit and Chancery Courts of the county of Hinds to the county of Washington

John W. Ward, Private Secretary

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 5, 1861

Mr. Speaker:

His Excellency the Governor has Signed and approved the following House Bills

No 46 An Act for the relief of L. L. Davis of Desoto county

No 47 An Act to reduce the Salary of the Probate Judge of Kemper county and for other purposes

No 48 An Act to reduce the Salary of the Probate Judge of Lafayette county

No 49 An Act to reduce the Salary of the Probate Judge of Jones county and for other purposes

No 50 An Act for the purpose of reducing the Salaries of certain offices in Perry county

No 51 An Act to reduce the Salary of the Probate Judge of Amite county

No 52 An Act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to the Circuit and Chancery Courts of Tishomingo county, passed the 14th December, 1859

No 53 An Act to suspend the collection of the Vicksburg Shreveport and Texas Railroad Tax in the city of Vicksburg

No 54 An Act to reduce the Salary of the Probate Judge of Marion county

An Act to relieve the county Tax of Green county

No An act for the relief of Andrew B. Carson. Tax Collector of Washington county

157 An Act to amend the charter of the city of Vicksburg

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec 5. 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary:

Whereas. A. B. Hudson is now confined in the State Penitentiary, Sentenced from Panola County for the crime of Larceny

Now, therefore, I, John J. Pettus. Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, have thought proper and do grant this my pardon for the said A. B. Hudson, and do requrie you to release him on the receipt of these letters

Given under my hand, and the great Seal of State affixed

By the Governor John J. Pettus

E. A. Brougher.
Secretary of State

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec 5, 1861

The following message and report was this day submitted to the Senate and House by his Excellency the Governor

John M. Ward, Private Secretary

I am directed by his excellency the Governor to deliver to you the accompanying report from the Quarter Master General Mississippi Army.

Report of Amt due State of Mississippi by Confederate Government for military Supplies, Equipments, Pay of Volunteers, &c from March 9th 1861 to November 22d. 1861, both days inclusive

Disbursed by Col. Wm Barksdale, late 2r Master Genl A.M. from March 9 to May 31st 1861 from voucher No 1 to 129 inclusive as per his cash book 111.915.40

Disbursed by Col. Mad. McAfee. 2r Master Genl A.M. from May 31st to Nov 22d 1861 from voucher No 1 to 564 as per cash book. — 430.310.46

54,225.86

— Contra —

By this amount paid to Col. M. McAfee on apt by the Confederate Government, and paid by him to the State of Mississippi 74,499.48

Balance due State Mississippi $467.726.38

E. & O. E

Mad McAfee 2r M.G.A.M.
per R. D. Block

Jackson, Nov 23d 1861

Dec 6. Passports granted Branson N. Royals to visit Virginia, and to Isadore Strauss to visit Tennessee and Kentucky

Dec 7 Passport granted R. Hatcher to go to Pensacola

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec 9, 1861

Mr. Speaker:

His Excellency, the Governor has signed and approved the following House Bill:

No 58 An act for the purpose of arming Capt. R. A. Pinson's Cavalry Company and Capt. Leo Barnes' Cavalry Company of Warren county

John W. Ward, Priv. Sec.

Executive Office, Jackson, Miss., Dec 9, 1861

Mr. President:

It is made my duty, with the advice and consent of the Senate to appoint Supervisors, Inspectors and Trustees for the various State Institutions.

I hereby nominate as Supervisors of the Lunatic Asylum, L. Julienne, Harvell Hobbs, W. A. Wilkers

As Inspectors of the State Penitentiary, Charles A. Manship, C. R. Dickson, and J. C. Napier

As Trustees for the Institution for the Blind, John W. Robinson, John Duncan, and Alexander Virden

As Trustees for the Institution of the Deaf and Dumb F. S. Hunt, W. H. Brown and A. B. Cabaniss.

And would respectfully ask your advice and consent to their appointments

John J. Pettus

Executive Office, Jackson, Miss, Dec. 9, 1861

Mr President

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to deliver to you the following Message and accompanying documents.

John W. Ward, Private Secretary

Executive Office, Jackson, Miss, Dec 9, 1861

Gentlemen of the Senate:

Having learned that Prof M. Thomassey had been engaged in the manufacture of Salt for a number of years in Italy and the French West Indies, I opened a correspondence with him in reference to supplying this State, and herewith enclose you his communications. I deem the manufacture of Salt of great importance to this State, not only during the War but for all time to come, and would most respectfully submit his communications to your most favorable consideration.

John J. Pettus

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec 10, 1861

Mr. Speaker:

His Excellency, the Governor has signed and approved the following House Bill.

No 59 An Act for the protection and defence of the Sea Coast of the State of Mississippi

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 11, 1861

Mr Speaker:

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following House Bills and Resolutions:

No 60 An Act for the Relief of W. H. Browning and Thomas W. Deason

No 61 An Act to declare Bogue Phalia and its branches in the counties of Bolivar and Washington navigable streams

No 62 An Act to amend an Act entitled an act to increase the fee for apprehending Runaway Slaves in the counties of Tunica, Coahoma, Bolivar, Washington and Issaquena

No 63 An Act for the Relief of William H. Browning

No 64 An Act to authorize the Board of Police of Bolivar County to remunerate the Clerk of said Board for extra office services

No 65 An Act for the Relief of W. D. Baldwin, of Sunflower county, and the Probate Clerks of Lauderdale and Jasper counties

No 66 An Act to reduce the price of Swamp and Overflowed lands in the county of Jones

No 67 An Act to legalize the Assessment Roll of Neshoba county for the year 1861

No 68 An Act to appropriate one Thousand dollars to repair and improve the Governor's Mansion.

Resolution appropriating Cartridge and Cap Boxes to the Lafayette Sharp-shooters and other Volunteer Companies

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Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 11, 1861

Mr. President:

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following Senate Bills and Resolutions

John W. Ward, Private Secretary

No 11 An Act granting leave of absence to the Probate Judge of Tallahatchie county

No 12 An Act to legalize the assessment of Taxes in the county of Lawrence for the year 1861

A Resolution in relation to furnishing the "Newton Rebels" with Cartridge and Cap Boxes

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 12, 1861.

Mr. President: His Excellency the Governor has directed me to deliver to you the accompanying petition

John W. Ward, Private Secretary

Executive Office, Jackson, Miss., Dec. 12, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I herewith enclose you petition for the release of forfeiture in the case of the State of Mississippi vs. Michael Donovan, and would respectfully ask your advice and consent to the remission of the same

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson. Dec. 12. 1861

To the Sheriff of Warren County, Greeting:

Whereas, judgment was rendered against Michael Donovan on judgment of forfeiture in case of State of Mississippi vs. Patrick J. Sannelli Now, therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, having obtained the advice and consent of the Senate, have thought proper to grant this my release for the said Michael Donovan from the said forfeiture and do require you to release the said Michael Donovan from the same on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great seal of State affixed

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher, Secretary of State

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 12. 1861

To the Sheriff of Smith County— Greeting:

Whereas Judgment was rendered against D. S. Welch for judgment of forfeiture in case of the State of Mississippi vs D. S. Welch

Now, therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority, vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, have thought to grant this my release for the said D. S. Welch from the said forfeiture, and do require you to release the said D. S. Welch from the same on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of State affixed.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher, Secy of State

Jackson, Dec. 12. 1861

Received of Gov. John J. Pettus requisition on the Auditor of Public Accounts for three thousand five hundred dollars on the appropriation for arms.

Mad. McAfee
Quartermaster Genl A. M.
per R. D. Block

Executive Office, Jackson, Miss. Dec. 13. 1861

To the Sheriff of Bolivar County— Greeting:

Whereas, John L. Martin and Susan E. M. Boice, have been convicted at the Bolivar Circuit Court of Bigamy.

Now, Therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said John L. Martin and Susan E. M. Boice and do require you to release them on receipt of these letters.

Given under my hand and great Seal of State affixed.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher, Secy of State

Forwarded to War Department Dec. 13. 1861 Bond of E. Scanlin as Assistant Quartermaster in Provisional Army in Confederate States. W. C. Turner and William Johnson of Clark co. Securities

Executive Office Jackson Dec [redacted]

Mr. Speaker:

His Excellency the Governor has directed me to deliver you the accompanying and documents:

John W Ward, Private Secretary

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I herewith enclose you Quartermaster's Report showing aggregate of expenses and Report of Chief of Ordnance, Showing of issues of arms

John J. Pettus

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec 13 1861

Mr. Speaker:

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following House Bills:

John W. Ward, Private Secretary

No 69 ✓ An Act Requiring the Boards of Police in the Several counties to examine the official action of the Commissioners of Swamp and Overflowed Lands, and for other purposes

No 70 ✓ An Act to prevent the selling of intoxicating liquors in less quantities than ten gallons in the town of Verona

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 13, 1861

Mr. President:

His Excellency The Governor has signed and approved the following Senate Bills:

John W Ward, Private Secretary

No. 13 ✓ An Act to provide for the accommodation of the Courts of the Confederate States

No 14 ✓ An Act to legalize the assessment of Taxes in the County of Warren for the year 1861 and for other purposes

No 15 ✓ An Act for the protection of Robert D. Haden, Receiver of Public Moneys at Columbus Mississippi, and his Securities, and for other purposes

No 16 ✓ An Act to authorize the Board of Police of Tishomingo county to sell the Poor House and lands connected therewith

No. 17 ✓ An Act to Amend Article 38 Section 11, Chapter 33 of the Revised Code, entitled an act in relation to Slaves, Free Negroes and Mulattos

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec 13, 1861

To the Sheriff of Lowndes County — Greeting:

Whereas, judgment was rendered against John G. Baptist as Surety for Lemuel Prewit. Now, Therefore, I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, having obtained the advice and consent of the Senate, have thought proper to grant this my release for the said John G. Baptist from the said forfeiture, and do require you to release the said John G. Baptist from the same on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of State affixed

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

C. A. Broughton

Secy of State

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Executive Office, Jackson, Dec 13. 1861

To the Sheriff of Adams county- Greeting:

Whereas, judgment was rendered against Richard R. St John and James Curry as Sureties of Matt McKeiven. Now, therefore I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper, having obtained the advice and consent of the Senate, to grant this my release for the said Richard R. St John and James Curry from the said forfeiture and do require you to release them from the same on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of State affixed

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
E.A. Brougher, Secy of State

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 14. 1861

Mr. President:

His Excellency the Governor has directed me to deliver to you the accompanying message.

John W. Ward, Private Secretary

Gentlemen of the Senate:

In obedience to an act of the Legislature, approved December 2d, 1858, I herewith enclose list of names, viz: Samuel A. Patterson, T. C. Pollock, Jno S. Holt, Samuel Wood, P. H. McIlvain, Richard Edwards, J. A. T. Midderhoff, W. C. Chamberlain, as Board of Administrators for the State Hospital at Natchez, and respectfully ask your advice and consent to the Same.

John J. Pettus

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 14, 1861

The Governor to-day communicates to the two houses Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee in relation to withholding the planting of Cotton during the blockade, accompanied by the following Message:

Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Representatives:

I fully concur in the main idea in the resolutions, that it will be disastrous in the extreme to the interests of the cotton-planting States to have two crops on hand, but differ with them as to the time it will be[illegible] the planters. Instead of being [illegible] the sale of the third crop, it is clear to my mind that the price will be depressed at least fifty per cent. in the sale of the two first crops, which go to market after raising the blockade, and that this depression will continue to be felt for many years - until planters, disgusted with low prices, shall reduce the amount planted to such extent as to reduce the vast accumulation of cotton in the markets of the world.

It is a mistaken idea that the world would be prepared to consume two crops by reason of withholding the present years crop creating so great a demand for cotton goods. The high price of cotton goods will stimulate the demand for other fabrics to take their place. The people of the world must wear clothes, and if they cannot get cotton, they will make them of hemp, flax and wool, and if the blockade should last five years, there would not be as great demand for our cotton at the end of it as there is now - for the reason that its place in the markets of the world would be filled with cotton from some other country, or fabrics from some other material.

The only hope to save our cotton interest from utter prostration for many years to come, is to prevent the accumulation of two crops. In view of these facts, would it not be well for the Legislature to use all the means in their power to prevent this great evil - even if resort be had to the taxing power in the State Government

by levying onerous taxes on all cotton raised next year, if the blockade is not raised before that season. Such a law might be passed conditioned that other cotton-growing States pass similar laws.

If the blockade continues, and any considerable amount of cotton is produced next year, the labor employed in its production will be worse than lost to the country, when if that labor should be employed in producing grain and provisions, it would string them us and prostrate the interest of our grain-growing enemies. But it may be said that so much labor thus employed would make grain and provisions so abundant that there would be no demand for them. I think this is not true. Our armies must consume and will waste a great quantity, and another great quantity will be justly due from the men of property and wealth to the indigent families of soldiers who are fighting our battles; and how many of these there may be before the war is over, the most gifted cannot foretel. The State and people must make ample provisions for soldiers families, and the labor of Slaves must do this, for free white men are now wanted to drive back the invaders of our homes.

This is a great and vital question, involving both the future prosperity and present safety of the State; and I commend it to your earnest consideration, and hope you will press it on the consideration of our sister cotton-growing States

John J. Pettus

Senate Chamber, Jackson, Miss., Dec. 14th, 1861

His Excellency, John J. Pettus,
Governor, &c.

Dear Sir:

The Senate of the State of Mississippi did on the 13th inst. advise and consent to the appointments of the respective officers nominated by your Excellency in your communication to the Senate of the 9th inst. To wit:

As supervisors of the Lunatic Asylum, L. Julienne, Howell Cobb and W. A. Withers
As Trustees for the Institution of the Blind, John W. Robinson, John Duncan and Alexander Virden
As Trustees for the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, F. B. Hunt, W. H. Brown and A. B. Cabaniss

I remain your obdt Servt
D. P. Porter, Secretary of the Senate

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 16, 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas, James Burns is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced from Tunica county, for the crime of burglary, now therefore, I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, have thought proper and do grant this my pardon for the said James Burns, and do require you to release him on the receipt of these letters.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of State affixed

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher, Secy of State

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 17, 1861

Mr. President:

His Excellency the Governor has directed me to deliver to you the accompanying message.

John W. Ward, Private Secretary

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 17, 1861

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I herewith enclose you petition for release from forfeiture in the case of "The State of Mississippi vs N. L. Bryson and George H. Hazlehurst, and respectfully ask your advice and consent to the same

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson, Dec. 17, 1861

Mr Speaker:

His Excellency The Governor has directed me to deliver to you the accompanying Messages

John W. Ward, Private Secty

Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Representatives:

I have in my possession Auditors Warrants to the amount of one hundred and three Thousand dollars, issued upon the contract for the purchase of Belgian arms. Thirty-four thousand dollars of these funds have been returned to the Treasury in the manner required by law, and I respectfully request the passage of an act which will enable me to return these to the Auditor and have them canceled and placed to the credit of the Military Fund

John J. Pettus

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 17, 1861

Mr. Speaker:

His Excellency, The Governor has signed and approved the following House Bills:

John W. Ward, Private Secretary

No 71: An Act to reduce the salary of the Probate Judge of Pontotoc county

No 72: An Act to amend an act entitled an "Act to repeal the Common School Law of Copiah county, &c" approved December 6th, 1859

No 73: An Act to reduce the salaries of the Probate Judges of Yallobusha and Franklin counties

No 74: An Act to create a fund for the support of destitute families of volunteers in this State and for other purposes.

No 75: An Act to amend the charter of the city of Jackson

No 76: An Act to reduce the salary of the Probate Judge of Rankin county

No 77: An Act to authorize James L. Quinn, Thomas C. Rasberry, and William A. L. Harris to make a will

No 78: An Act for the relief of O. W. Shipp of Calhoun county.

No 79: An Act authorizing the Auditor to issue his warrant upon the Treasurer for Seventy-one dollars and sixty cents in favor of Jackson Gas Light Company for balance due on Chandeliers and fixtures furnished the State Capitol

No 80: An Act for the relief of Thomas S. Parker, of Clark county

No 81: An Act to Reduce the Taxes of Hancock county and for other purposes

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec 17, 1861

Mr. President

His Excellency The Governor has signed and approved the following Senate Bills

John W Ward, Private Secretary

No 18 ✓ An Act to regulate the action of the Police Courts in certain cases

No 19 ✓ An Act in relation to evidence of Title in certain cases

No 20 ✓ An Act to amend Chapter 64 Section 10 of the Revised Code relative to the circulation of Small bills, and for other purposes

No 21 ✓ An Act to provide for the establishment of Hospitals for the Mississippi Troops, and for other purposes

No 22 ✓ An Act to amend the 3d Section Chapter 28 of the Revised Code

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 18, 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary:

Whereas, Hartwell W. Bass is now confined in the State Penitentiary, Sentenced by the Circuit Court of De Soto county, for the crime of manslaughter ~~Mississippi, by virtue~~ Now, Therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State, have thought proper and do grant this my pardon for the said Hartwell W. Bass, and require you to release him upon receipt of these letters.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State affixed

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
C. A. Broughar
Secy of State

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 19, 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary:

Whereas, Desse Hurly is now confined in the State Penitentiary, Sentenced by the Circuit Court of Marshall county for the crime of passing Counterfeit Money:

Now, Therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of Authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, have thought proper and do grant this my Pardon for the Said Desse Hurly, and require you to release him on receipt of these letters,

Given under my hand and the great Seal of State affixed

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
C A Broughar
Secy of State

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 19, 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary:

Whereas. H. H. Childers is now confined in the State Penitentiary, Sentenced by the Circuit Court of Marshall county, for the crime of Manslaughter.

Now, therefore, I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, have thought proper and do grant this my pardon for the Said H. H. Childers, and require you to release him on receipt of these Letters

Given under my hand and the great Seal of State affixed

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
C. A. Broughar
Secy of State

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 19, 1861

Mr. President:

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following Senate bills

John W. Ward, Private Secretary.

No. 23. An Act to prohibit the assessment and collection of Taxes on Bowie Knives, Sword Canes and Dirk Knives

No 24 An Act to amend the law of evidence in criminal cases

No 25 An Act for the Relief of W. T. Huggins

No 26 An Act for the Relief of the minor heirs of W. D. Clifton, deceased

No. 27 An Act to reduce the pay of officers holding elections

No 28 An Act for the benefit of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company

No 29 An Act for the relief of F Coy

No 30 An Act to aid in Arming and Equiping a Regiment of Cavalry for the Confederate Service

No 31 An Act to aid in arming and equiping the Cavalry Company of Capt. J. F. McBee

No 32 An Act to postpone the collection of forfeitures until twelve months after the termination of the existing war, or until otherwise directed by Law.

No 33 An Act to regulate the payment of certain money into the State Treasury

No 34 An Act to amend the laws in relation to the State University

No 35 An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Canton, and to repeal all former acts incorporating the same," and all acts amendatory thereof

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 19, 1861

Mr. Speaker:

His Excellency, the Governor has signed and approved the following House bills

John W. Ward, Private Secretary

No. 82 An Act in relation to the School Fund of Jackson county

No 83 An Act in relation to the School Fund of Greene county

No 84 An Act to increase the pay of the Sheriff of Warren county

No 85 An Act to amend the Road Laws within the limits of Washington county

No 86 An Act to legalize the Assessment Roll of Hinds County for the year 1861

No 87 An Act to provide for indexing the papers in the Probate Offices of Lauderdale and Warren counties, and for other purposes

No 88 An Act to encourage the manufacture of Leather in this State

No 89 An Act to legalize the assessment of Taxes for the year 1861

No 90 An Act to reduce the price of Swamp and Overflowed lands in the county of Jackson

No 91 An Act to amend an act entitled an Act to define the powers of the County Police of Covington and Pike counties in relation to Three per cent. fund, approved February 13th, 1846 and for other purposes

No 92 An Act for the relief of W. P. Baldwin of Tippah county

No 93 An Act to legalize the acts of the Tax Assessor of Winston county, Miss.

No 94 An Act for the benefit of Wm Connor

No 95 An Act to restore to market certain lands therein mentioned

No 96 An Act to invest the Probate Court of Hinds County with jurisdiction in the matter of the last Will and Testament of Desse W. Morrison

No 97 An Act to provide for defraying the funeral expenses of the late Col. E. R. Burt.

No 98 An Act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the laying out and working of Roads, the establishment of Ferries, and the erection of Bridges, approved the 11th February, 1856

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 20, 1861

Mr. President

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following Senate Bills:

John W. Ward, Private Secretary.

No 36 An Act in relation to Suits pending in which alien enemies are Plaintiffs

No 37 An Act to confer discretionary power on the Board of Police of Pike county in relation to the Free Negroes of said County

No 38 An Act to prevent unreasonable Speculation in certain commodities

No 39 An Act making certain appropriations therein named

No 40 An Act to provide for the payment of the Confederate States Tax

No 41 An Act to be entitled an Act for the benefit of the Lunatic Asylum

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 20, 1861

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas Larkin P. Heflin is now confined in the State Penitentiary, Sentenced by the Circuit Court of Lowndes County, for the crime of passing counterfeit money.

Now, Therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Larkin P. Heflin and require you to release him on receipt of these letters.

Given under my hand and the great seal of State affixed

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
C. A Brougher
Secr of State

Executive Office, Jackson, Dec. 20, 1861.

Mr Speaker:

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following House Bills

John W. Ward, Private Secretary

No 99. An Act to suspend the collection of all the taxes for the year 1861 upon lands heretofore purchased or which may hereafter be purchased by the Levee Commissioners or by the Treasurer of any Special Levee Fund in the counties of Tunica, Coahoma, Bolivar, Washington, Issaquena, Tallahatchie, De Soto, Sunflower, Panola and Yazoo

No 100 An Act to repeal an act to amend an act to secure the interest on the School Fund belonging to the counties in the Chickasaw Cession so far as the same as relates to the county of Calhoun, and for other purposes approved December 3, 1859 and for other purposes

No 101 An Act to authorize the Governor of the State to return to the Auditor of Public Accounts certain Auditor's Warrants in his hands.

No 102 An Act to confirm the location of Swamp and Overflowed lands in Newton county and for other purposes

No 103 An Act to authorize Rail Road Companies in this State to issue notes to be circulated as money

No 104 An Act to amend the charter of the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Rail Road Company

No 105 An Act to abolish the Military Board of this State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Dec 21 1861

To the Keeper of the Penitentiary

Whereas Jesse D Willeford is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced from Desoto County for the Crime of Assault with intent to Kill

Now therefore I John J Pettus. governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the constitution and Laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Jesse D Willeford and do require you to release him on the receipt of this letter

Given under my hand and great Seal of State

affixed

By the Governor

John J Pettus

C. J Brougher

Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss January 1st 1862

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas Green W Smith is now confined in the State Penitentiary under sentence from Tippah County for the crime of Manslaughter.

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Green W Smith and do require you to release him on the receipt of these letters.

Given under my hand and great Seal of State at office

By the Governor

John J Pettus

C A Brougher
Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss January 1st 1862

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary or Sheriff Marshall Co

Whereas James Robinson is now confined in the Penitentiary sentenced from the County of Marshall for the Crime of Manslaughter

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State. have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said James Robinson and do require you to release him on the receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of State affixed

By the Governor

John J Pettus

C A Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss
January 15th 1862

Mr President & Speaker

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to deliver you the enclosed message with the accompanying Report.

John K Eckols Private Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss January 14th 1862

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives

I herewith transmit ~~you~~ to the Legislature a report made to me by Judge C P Smith and Hon A B Dickerson who visited New York for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for issuing the Treasury Notes to be advanced on cotton, provided for by an act of the Legislature at your recent Session.

From their report and accompanying documents it will be seen that the requisite number of notes printed from "engraved plates" as required by the act above referred to. cannot be prepared and issued within the time to meet the wants of the people, or expectations of the Legislature, as it will require several months to engrave the plates and print the notes in the manner prescribed by your recent act.

The Legislature should deem it expedient to authorize the printing of

the manner proposed by John Douglas Engraver in New Orleans (Proposition and Specimen of work therewith submitted) these Treasury notes may be furnished ready to issue in Six weeks. Mr Douglas proposes to print by Lythography, and Commence the work at once. if his proposition is accepted. He also asks an advance of two thousand dollars, and I suggest the propriety of paying the expenses of issuing these notes, out of any funds which may be received from Richmond as our Treasury notes cannot be used at par in New Orleans.

Another proposition was received from Messrs Newton & Fielding of Memphis Tennessee to print by Electrotype: terms and Specimen of work herewith submitted. Should either of these modes of printing be authorized by the Legislature I am informed the work can be accomplished in time to meet the wants of the people of this State.

The lithographing proposed by Mr Douglas I think the best, I respectfully suggest to the Legislature that the act providing for issuing these Treasury notes be further amended, so as to provide for a separate Bureau to take Charge of the Printing and issuing these notes. The labor of the present departments of the State Government have been more than doubled by the existing war, for this and other reasons I feel confident that the interest of the State would be promoted by organizing a distinct and Separate department to manage this important branch of State Service.

If objections are made to this; that additional officers must be created and additional expenses incurred in Salaries; a very small per cent on the amount advanced. Say one fourth of one per cent, paid by parties to whom advances are made would probably be sufficient to pay the Salaries of these additional Officers

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 15th 1862

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas James L Smith is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced from Perkins County for the Crime of Shooting with intent to kill

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of Authority vested in and by the Constitution and Laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my Pardon for the said James L Smith and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of State at office

John J Pettus

By the Governor

A. J. Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 15th 1862

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas B F Jackson is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced from Adams County

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by Virtue of Authority vested in and by the Constitution and Laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my Pardon for the said B F Jackson and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of State at office

John J Pettus

By the Governor

A. J. Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 15. 1862.

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has this day signed and approved House bills entitled

116 An act to increase the pay of the Clerk of the Criminal Court of Warren County

117 An act to amend Chapter 8 of the revised Code entitled "an act establishing the fees of Certain officers" so far as relates to the clerks of the Chancery and Probate Courts of Adams County

118 An act to remove the civil disabilities of Joseph D Lewis a minor of Panola County

Jno. M. Echols Private Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 16. 1862

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following Senate bills and resolutions

40 An act in Relation to the publications of legal notices

43 An act in relation to the State Lunatic Asylum

44 An act in relation to the Penitentiary

Resolution in relation to shipping Canon to Genl Polk

Resolution in relation to enrolled bills

Jno M Echols Privat Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 16.62

Mr President & Speaker

I am directed by his excellency the Governor to inform you the enclosed message

Jno M Echols Privat Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 16 1862

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives

I have this day received from the Treasurer of the Confederate States a Treasury draft payable to my order addressed to the assistant Treasurer at New Orleans for the sum of ten thousand two hundred and fifty seven dollars and eighty five cents under the provisions of an act to provide for the payment of the Confederate States tax approved Dec 20th 1861. I am required so far as practicable to procure the settlement and allowance of all claims of the State against the Confederate States and I am authorized to use the amount thereof in payment of the taxes assessed by the Confederate Government against the citizens of this state. This ten thousand dollar draft is a part of the claims of the State against the Confederate States and under the provisions of the act referred to. as construed by me, I would not be authorized to use it for any other purpose than in payment of the Confederate tax, As the expenses of engraving and printing the State Treasury notes provided for in your recent act, must be paid in Confederate notes or Louisiana bank notes. Mississippi Treasury notes not being received at par. I act that the Legislature authorize me to use this draft or so much of it as may be necessary to defray the expenses of preparing and issuing the State Treasury notes which were ordered to be prepared to be advanced on Cotton

Thos. J. Patton

Executive Office Jackson

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has this day signed and approved the following Enrolled bills

109 An act to incorporate the Bank of Jackson and other banks

Jno H Echols Pres Sen

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 17

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas Floyd Porter is now confined in the State Penitentiary under sentence from Neshoba County for the Crime of Larceny

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to Grant this my pardon for the said Floyd Porter and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of State affixed

By the Governor John J Pettus

E A Burgher Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 21

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following Enrolled bills and Resolutions

110 An act for the Relief of J. S Yerger Judge of the third Judicial District of the State of Mississippi

111 An act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Ballard

Joint Resolution in Relation to disbanding the Sixty days troops

Jno H Echols Pres Sen

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 22

Mr President

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to deliver you the enclosed message with the accompanying petitions

Jno H Echols Pres Sen

Executive Office Jany 22nd 1862

Gentlemen of the Senate

I herewith enclose you petitions for the release of Prosper in the Case of the State of Mississippi VS Henry Jones Executor and the State of Mississippi VS John Fields and Executor and Respectfully ask your advice and consent in the remission of the same

John J Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 22nd 1862

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Several bills entitled

112 An act supplementary to an act entitled an act to authorize Rail road Companies in this State to issue notes to be circulated as money approved December 20th 1861

113 An act to change the names of Rose Elizabeth Christine Pradat Alice Caroline Arsene Pradat Mathilde Louise Pradat and Camille Christopher Emanuel Pradat and for other purposes.

Jno. H. Echols Privt Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 23rd 1862

Mr Speaker.

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Several bills entitled

114 An act for the Benefit of the Panola Cavalry and the Tillatoba Greys the first Commanded by Capt W G Middleton the Second by W S Eskridge

115 An act for the relief of Debtors to the School funds of the Several Counties

116 An act in relation to the Navigation of Deer creek by Keel boats and other water crafts So far as the Same relates to the County of Issaquena.

117 An act to authorize William Noel Administrator of the Estate of Samuel Sample deceased to purchase certain Lands.

118 An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Central Mississippi Female College in the town of Lexington Holmes County Approved Feby 25 1854

119 An act to authorize Rebecca Collins to Convey certain Lands

120. An act to remove the disabelity of Minors in Certain Cases.

121. An act for the relief of the Sheriffs and County Treasurers of Leake and Attala Counties

122 An act to provide for payment of costs in prosecutions against Slaves.

123 An act to authorize the Sale of the 16th Sections of School Lands belonging to that portion of Kemper County embraced in the Choctaw purchase in order to consolidate the Chickasaw and Choctaw School funds of Said County.

124 An act to authorize and require the Clerk of the Circuit Chancery and Probate Courts of Harrison County to remove the records and papers of his office and for other purposes.

Jno. H. Echols
Privt Secy

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Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 23 1862

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Senate bills Entitled

45 An Act Supplemental to an act Passed at the present Session of this Legislature entitled "an act to provide for the establishment of Hospitals for the Mississippi troops and for other purposes

46 An act to amend the fifth Section Chapter three of the Revised Code

47 An act in relation to the Private Secretary of the Governor and for other purposes

48 An act for the relief of the minor heirs of Mrs E. S Brugiere deceased and for other purposes

49 An act for the relief of Wm B Wynne minor heir of Wm Wynne dec'd

50 An act to amend chapter 60 Revised Code entitled "An act providing for the establishment of the Probate Courts and for prescribing the mode of proceeding therein.

Jno H Echols
Private Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 23. 1862

To the Sheriff of Warren County

Whereas Judgment of forfeiture was recved against Henry Jones and securities for the Sum of three thousand dollars by the Circuit Court of Warren County in Case of the State of Mississippi V S Henry Jone

Now Therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State do and with the advice and Consent of the Senate have thought proper to grant this my release of two thousand dollars of the said forfeiture and do require you to release the said Securities from the said two thousand dollars upon their paying the ballance of the said forfeiture of One thousand dollars

Given under my hand & great seal of State at Office

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

E. H. Frazier
Sec of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Jany 24th 1862

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has this day signed and approved Senate bill entitled

51 An act to raise and recruit into the Militia (redacted) Volunteer Corps of this State.

Jno H Echols
Private Secy

Executive Office Jany 28th 1862

Mr Speaker His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Senate bill entitled

125 An act for the relief of W G Martin of Lafayette County

126 An act to limit the amount of the levy of the County tax for Greene County for General purposes

127 An act for the relief of Hugh McDonald of Yalobusha County

128 An act to legalize the assessment roll of Wayne County and for the relief of the assessor of taxes of said County

129 An act for the relief of W F Starnes P J Wharton and estate of D Mayes

130 An act to remove the Civil disabilities of Knight Edwards of Choctaw County so far as to render him legally qualified to act as Executor of the last will and Testament of his father Edward Edwards late of Choctaw County

131 An act to authorize Residents of Townships and School Commissioners to qualify their own bodies &c

132 An act to suspend for a limited period some of the provisions of article 4 Chapter 1x of the Code so far as they relate to the County of Marion

133 An act to Change the time of holding the Probate Courts of Pike County

134 An act to authorize the Judge of Probate in the County of Scott to hold a Probate Court in said County the first monday in each month.

Jno H Echols Privt Secy

Executive Office Jany 28th 1862

Mr President His Excellency the Governor has signed the following Senate bills & Resolution

52 An act to legalize and confirm the Sale of Certain Lands in Yalobusha County

53 An act for the relief of Edwin J Coleman a minor of Bolivar County Mississippi and for other purposes

54 An act for the relief of John White of Chickasaw county

55 An act to provide Compensation for Mrs Lucy A Burt for extra services performed by the late E B Burt during his official term as auditor

56 An act to amend an act entitled an act to suspend the collection of the ten cent Levee tax in certain Counties

57 An act for the relief of Miles H McGehee

58 An act to authorize a Tax to be levied on gates erected on public roads in the Counties of Bolivar Washington and Issaquena and other Counties

59 An act for the Benefit of James McInnis

60 An act to procure Agricultural and Mechanical Statistics and to create a Spirit for Agricultural progress throughout the State.

Resolution requiring the Keeper of the Capitol to distribute certain Books to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Warren County

Jno H Echols Privt Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jan 27th 1862

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved House bills entitled

135 An act to arm and equipe Captain E G Wheelers Cavalry Company the Polk Rangers now in Camp at Columbus Kentucky

136 An act to revive a charter for Bridge and Turnpike granted to J D Brooks in 1850

137 An act to provide for an appropriation of Five thousand dollars to purchase pistols and Sabres for the Tishomingo Rangers a company for the war.

138 An act for the relief of N. J. Walker of Calhoun County.

139 An act to defray the funeral expenses of the late Col S W Phillips.

140 An act in relation to the landing of freight from Steamboats on the Mississippi River within the limits of this State.

141 An act entitled an act to amend an act and reduce into one the act incorporating the City of Natchez and the several acts amendatory thereto Approved March 1st

142 An act for the Relief of William Rice Heroter a minor of Hinds County.

143 An act to direct the Register to sell certain lands to Thomas S Rex

144 An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Oakland in Yallobusha County Approved February 28th 1848.

145 An act to repeal the Gallon law so far as it relates to the town of Centerpoint in the County of Clark

146 An act to amend an act entitled an act to Charter the Rocky Springs and Hickory Flat Plank Road or Turnpike Company.

Jno H Echols Private Secy

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Jany 27th 1862

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Senate bills Entitled

61 An act for the relief of Thomas E Lewis

62 An act to provide for Leasing Township fourteen of Range two East in the County of Warren

Jno. H. Echols
Private Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss January 25th 1862

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following bills and resolutions

63 An act to amend the Title XII Chapter of the Revised Code entitled "An act in relation to Chancery Courts and for other purposes

64 An act for the relief of Amos P Evans of Wayne County

65 An act to authorize the Tax collectors to receive certain bank notes in payment of State and County taxes for the year 1861

66 An act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize Rail Road Companies in this State to issue notes to be circulated as money approved Dec 24th 1861 and the Supplement thereto Jany 22nd 1862

Resolution Authorizing the Governor to use certain moneys

Resolution in relation to the women of the State of Mississippi and of the Confederate States.

Jno H Echols Private Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss January 25th 1862

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Resolutions bills entitled

147 An act to Grant Public Lands to the Gulf and Ship Island Rail Road Company and for other purposes

148 An act making certain appropriations therein named

149 An act to provide against the application of any law suspending or postponing the Collection of any general or special tax now due in this State to the public tax imposed by the ordinance of the recent Sovereign Convention entitled an ordinance to raise means for the defence of this State adopted January 26. 1861

Jno. H. Echols Private Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss
January 25th 1862

Mr Speaker

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to return you an act entitled an act to rechanter the Commercial Bank of Manchester" without his approval with the accompanying message

Jno H Echols Privat Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss January 25th 1862

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

I herewith return to the House of Representatives in which it originated without my approval an act entitled an act to re-charter the Commercial Bank of Manchester, I am induced to withhold my approval from this act for the reason that privileges are granted in this enactment which were denied to the Bank of Jackson and other Banks chartered

at the early part of the present Session of the Legislature and restrictions imposed on the latter named banks from which this act exempts the Commercial Bank of Manchester. When at the beginning of this Session, the Legislature passed a bill authorizing the issuing of treasury notes to the amount of five millions of dollars to be advanced on cotton and charters the Bank of Jackson and other banks requiring them to receive the treasury notes of the State at par. I supposed the Legislature by these measures have forbidden to continue in demand and State credit. The notes of these banks were made receivable for State County and municipal taxes. The State thus claimed the aid of associated capital and credit to give greater currency to her Treasury notes in Consideration for the privileges granted to these banking companies for twenty years. The aid given to the State continues only during the war and for the the banking companies have contravened bank charters for twenty years. Hence I reluctantly gave my approval hoping that it would aid the State in the present Conflict and willing to remunerate individuals in future for their present aid to the State. But if the Legislature at this late hour of the Session pass acts incorporating banks without the restrictions imposed on the first. I fear that Companies will not avail themselves of the first Charters and the Treasury notes instead of being sustained and upheld by the banking Companies created by this Legislature will be depreciated to make room for bank notes at large interest which have no better basis of credit than the notes they displace. the latter bank charters are more advantagious to the banks and less so to the whole people in this: the banks can issue notes which they are not required to redeem in gold and Silver until twelve months after raising the blockade and charge eight percent for the use of these paper credits. It will probably cost two thousand dollars to issue five millions of dollars in Treasury notes if the State should charge 8 per cent for the use of these notes it would amount to four hundred thousand dollars per annum. this large sum would thus be raised on ten thousand dollars, and if this privilege of charging eight percent for the use of paper credits is given to any individuals or companies. I think the State should receive some advantage for this grant in having (at least during the war) her paper credit sustained by the Corporations which she creates to which these great privileges and advantages are given. For these and other reasons I respectfully return the bill for the reconsideration of the Legislature

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 29th 63

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Senate bills entitled

67 An act authorizing the issuance of Treasury notes on behalf of the State

68 An act for the relief of L D Rhodes Sheriff of Rankin County

69 An act to suspend for a limited time certain parts of the Statute of limitations

70 An act supplemental to an act passed at the present Session of the Legislature entitled an act to revise and reduce into one the Militia and Volunteer laws of this State

Jno M Echols
Private Secy

Executive Office Jany 29th 1862

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and affixed the following Senate bills and Resolutions

150 An act to amend the Charter of the Columbus Life and General Insurance Company and the Mississippi Mutual Insurance Company

151 An act Making Certain Appropriations herein named

152 An act to prevent the Sale of Wines and Spirituous Liquors within five miles of Hunt in Scott County in a less quantity than two gallons.

153 An act to extend the time of payment of taxes in the office of Auditor of Public Accounts by persons owning property in Counties in which they are not resident

154 An act for the relief of H. J. Ferrill

155 An act Supplemental to an act passed at the present Session of the Legislature intitled an act authorizing the issuance of Treasury notes as advances upon Cotton

156 An act for the relief of Certain free ~~Colored~~ persons of Color known as the Clark family and for other purposes

157 An act for the relief of S G Sorey of Bolivar County

158 An act to prohibit improper allowances by the boards of Police

Resolution Authorizing the State Librarian to purchase certain books

Jno. R. Echols Secty

Executive Office Jany 29th 1862

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas Henry Osborne is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced from Madison County

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Henry Osborne and do require you to release him on receipt of this letter

Given under my hand and great Seal of State at office

John J Pettus

By the Governor

R H Broughton Secty of State

Executive Office Jany 29th 1862

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has signed Senate bills entitled

71 An act to authorize G F Hamer to manumit his servant Daniel Mclaughlin

72 An act to refund certain moneys

73 An act to prevent Hawking and peddling

74 An act to amend Chapter 6. Section 7 Article 82 of the Revised Code in relation to Compensation for printing Bills Resolutions &c

75 An act to authorize the Mississippi and Tennessee Rail Road Company to Construct a Branch Road through the Counties of Tallahatchie Carroll Holmes Yazoo and Madison Counties and for other purposes

Jno H Echols Privt Secy

Executive Office Jackson Miss Jany 29th 1862

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following Senate bills and Resolutions

159 An act supplemental to an act approved December the 16th 1861 entitled an act to create a fund for the support of destitute families in the State for other purposes

160 An act to amend Art 11 Sec 4 of Chapter 39 of Revised Code

161 An act supplemental to an act making the Treasury notes issued under an ordinance of the State Convention receivable in payment of dues to the State at all times before and after the period fixed for their redemption and for other purposes.

Resolution in relation to the Twelve months volunteers now in service

Resolution relative to claims against the Lunatic Asylum

Jno H Echols
Privt Secy

Executive Office Jany 29th 1862

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following Senate bills Resolutions and Memorials

76 An act to provide for the Collection of Arms

77 An act for the defense of the Country

Resolution in relation to Shipments of Cotton

Resolution in relation to the State Treasurer

Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi to the Congress of the Confederate States

Jno H Echols Privt Secy

Executive Office Jany 29th 1862

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Home bill entitled

163 An act for the relief of JB Marin

Executive Office Jany 29th 1862

Sir President

Yes Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Senate bill entitled

78 An act in relation to taxes on the property of aliens enemies liable to expatriation

Jno. H. Echols Private Secy

Executive Office Jany 29th 1862

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas William G Easley is now confined in the State Penitentiary under sentence from Lawrence County for the Crime of Larceny

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said William G Easley and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters,

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of State affixed

By the Governor John J Pettus

A. J. Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office Jany 30th 1862

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas Willis Pitman is now confined in the State Penitentiary under sentence from Choctaw County for the crime of Larceny

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Willis Pitman and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of State affixed

By the Governor John J Pettus

A. J. Brougher Secy of State

Proclamation

Executive Office Jackson Miss

To the Sheriffs Several Counties of this State

Whereas by an act of the Legislature of this State entitled "An act to revise and reduce into one the Militia and volunteer laws of this State approved January 24th 1862, and the Supplemental thereto entitled "an act supplemental to an act passed at the present Session of the Legislature entitled an act to revise and reduce into one the Militia and volunteer laws this State" approved Jany 29th 1862, it is made my duty to order an election for one major General and four Brigadier Generals.

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state do issue this my writ requiring you to hold an election on monday the 10th day of March next for one major General for the State at large and one Brigadier General for the brigade in which your County may be situated

1st Brigade Composed of the Counties of Desoto Marshall Tunica Calhoun Panola Lafayette Tippah Tishomingo Pontotoc and Itawamba, Second Yallobusha Carroll Calhoun Choctaw Yazoo Holmes Attala Tallahatchie Madison Leake Scott Newton Rankin Copiah & Simpson Third Bolivar Coahoma Washington Issaquena, Sharkey Warren Claiborne Jefferson Adams Franklin Lawrence Pike Amite Pike Covington & Marion Fourth Chickasaw Monroe Chickasaw Lowndes Noxubee Kemper Newton Lauderdale Smith Jasper Clarke Jones Wayne Perry Green Hancock Jackson Harrison

And I do [illegible] to hold and conduct the said Election in all respects

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cording to law and make due return thereof to this office
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
Caused the great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed
this the 3d day of February 1862.

By the Governor — John J Pettus

A J Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office Febry 6th 1862

To the Sheriff Copiah County

Whereas Henry J Barlow was sentenced by the Circuit Court of Copiah County to ten years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for the Crime of Manslaughter

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Henry J Barlow and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters,

Given under my hand and great Seal of State
at office

By the Governor — John J Pettus

A J Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office February 6th 1862

To the Sheriff Warren County

Whereas Caroline Williams is now confined in the County jail of Warren County Sentenced by the Criminal Court of said County

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this state have thought proper to grant this my pardon for said Caroline Williams as to the imprisonment and do require you to release her on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of State at office

By the Governor — John J Pettus

A J Brougher Secy of State.

Executive Office February 12th 1862

John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Miss.
To the Sheriff of Attala County.

Whereas it appears that at a Special term of the Circuit Court held in Attala County in January 1862 one ... Blocklinger of said County was convicted under three several indictments for retailing, and whereas the said Blocklinger was fined by your said Court in the sum of twenty-five dollars and the cost in each of said cases;

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Miss, by virtue of the authority vested in me, for good and sufficient reasons do remit and hereby order to be remitted the said fines in each and all of said cases, and he is hereby ordered to be released from any arrest or distraints under which he may be held by virtue of the said judgements,

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State affixed, at the City of Jackson, this the 12th day of February A.D. 1862 and of the Independence of the Confederate States of America the Second.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

A. B. Bronston Secy of State

Executive Office.
Jackson, Miss. Feb. 15th 1862

In compliance with an act of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi entitled "An act for the protection and defense of the Sea Coast of the State of Mississippi," approved December 16th 1862, which said act appropriates the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of procuring or building eight draft-gun-boats, and authorizes me to appoint and employ such commissioners as I may deem proper for the purpose of carrying out the objects of said act, I hereby appoint Col. W. F. Withers as one of said Commissioners with all the powers and conditions given under said act.

By the Governor.

John J. Pettus

Executive Office. Jackson Miss. Feb. 18th 1862

By virtue of the powers vested in me by an act of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi entitled "An act for the protection and defense of the Sea Coast of the State of Miss," approved Dec. 16th 1862, which act appropriates the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of building & procuring light-draft gun boats, and authorizes me to appoint and employ such commissioners as I may deem proper to carry out the objects of the said act, I hereby appoint Gen. C. G. Dahlgren as one of said commissioners with all the powers given under the act.

By the Governor.

John J. Pettus

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Executive Office. Jackson. Feb. 22nd

To the Superintendant of the State Penitentiary Greeting.

Whereas Lewis Ogle is now confined in the State Penitentiary, sentenced by the Circuit Court of Holmes County for the crime of man-slaughter, ~~of the State of Miss.~~ Now Therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Miss. have thought proper in pursuance of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State to grant this my pardon for the said Lewis Ogle, and do require you to release him upon the receipts of these presents.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State affixed
This the 22nd day of February A. D. 1862
By the Governor John J Pettus,

A Brougher
Secretary of State,

Executive Office, Jackson March 14th 1862

To the Superintendant of the State Penitentiary, Greeting,

Whereas Charles Campbell is now confined in the State Penitentiary sentenced from ~~Madison~~ County of Marion in January 1861. for the crime of Larceny Now Therefore I John J Pettus, Governor of the State of Miss - by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Miss have thought proper to issue this my pardon - and do order you to release the said Charles Campbell immediately upon the receipts of the letters,

Given under my hand,
And the Great Seal of the State affixed
John J. Pettus

By the Governor -

C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State.

Executive Office, Jackson Miss. March 18th 1862

I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi do hereby appoint Wm. D. Bell of Jackson Miss, An Agent to select from the vacant and unappropriated Lands, for the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad company, according to an Act of the Congress of the United States, granting Public Lands in Alternate Sections to the State of Mississippi to aid in the construction of Railroads in said State and for other purposes", Approved August 11th 1856, and confirmed and repealed by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Miss, to grant Public Lands to the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad Company, Approved Jan, 28th 1862

John J. Pettus
Governor of Miss.

Executive Office Jackson Miss March 22 '62

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas Jamison Dennis is now confined in the State Penitentiary sentenced by the Circuit Court of Lawrence County for the crime of Manslaughter

Now therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Jamison Dennis and do require you to release him on receipt of this letter

Given under my hand and the great Seal of State affixed.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

C. A. Broughter Secretary of State

Executive Office, Jackson Miss. March 20th 1862

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary, Greeting.

Whereas one James Brack is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced from Tishomingo County for the Crime of Shooting with intent to Kill,

Now therefore I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State, have seen proper to issue this my pardon, and do require you to release the said James Brack immediately upon the receipt of these letters.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State affixed,

John J. Pettus.

By the Governor

C. A. Broughter

Secy of State,

Executive Office Jackson. Miss. April 1st 1862

To the Sheriff of Tippah County, Greeting,

Whereas one Samuel McAlister was convicted of being a Southern soldier and sentenced to one minutes imprisonment, and fined in the Sum of $90.00/100 at the late term of the Circuit Court of Tippah County. Now therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Miss, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State, have thought proper to remit the said fine imposed upon the said Saml McAlister, and do require you to remit the same and to refrain from collecting it,

Given Under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State affixed

John J. Pettus

By the Gov.

C. A. Broughter Sec. of State

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Executive Office. Jackson Mississippi
April 3rd 1862.

To The Superintendent of the State Penitentiary.
Greting,

Whereas one Eli P. Cooper is now confined in the State Penitentiary. Sentenced from Lawamba County at the September term of the Circuit Court 1861. for the crime of Larceny
Now therefor I. John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State have thought proper to issue this my pardon, and do require you to release the said Eli P. Cooper immediately on the receipts of the presents,

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State affixed, This the 3d day of April 1862
John J. Pettus

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson. April 3rd 1862

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary.

Whereas one Samuel Carpenter is now confined in the State Penitentiary, Sentenced from Yazoo County at the Sept & November term of the Circuit Court [redacted] for the crime of manslaughter— Now therefor I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority & vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, have thought proper to issue this my pardon, and do require you to release the said Samuel Carpenter immediately upon the receipt of these presents,

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State affixed
This the 3rd day of April A.D 1862
John J. Pettus

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss April 3rd

To the Superintendent of State Penitentiary

Whereas Willis H Gibson is now confined in the Penitentiary Sentenced by the Circuit Court of Monroe County for the Crime of forgery

Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of the State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Willis H Gibson and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of State affixed
John J Pettus

By the Governor

C. A. Brougher
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss April 26th

To the Superintendant of State Penitentiary

Whereas George Carr is now confined in the State Penitentiary
sentenced by the Circuit Court of Pike County for the crime of Negro Stealing
Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Mississippi by
virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State
have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said George Carr and
do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great seal
of State affixed

John J Pettus

By the Governor

A Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss April 26th

To the Superintendant of State Penitentiary

Whereas Wm Kearnes is now confined in the State
Penitentiary Sentenced from Rankin County for the Crime of ~~murder~~ attempt to
Kill Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of Miss[issippi]
by virtue of authority vested in me by Constitution and Laws of this State
have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Wm Kearnes
and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of State
Affixed

John J Pettus

By the Governor

A Brougher
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss
April 26th 1862

To the Superintendant of State Penitentiary

Whereas A McBranch is now confined in the State Penitentiary
Sentenced by the Circuit Court of Carroll County for the Crime of Horse Stealing
Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Miss[issippi]
by Virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of
this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said
A McBranch and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of State Affixed

John J Pettus

By the Governor

A Brougher Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss May 3 1862

To the Superintendant of State Penitentiary

Whereas Jacob Cyell is now confined in the State Penitentiary
Sentenced from Adams County for the Crime of Robbery
Now therefore I John J Pettus governor of the State of
Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws
of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said
Jacob Cyell and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and
Great Seal of State Affixed

John J Pettus

By the Governor

A Brougher

Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss May

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Whereas A R Burke is now confined in the Penitentiary under a sentence by the Circuit Court of Warren County for the crime of Manslaughter

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the power & authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Burke and do request you to release him on receipt of this order

Given under my hand and great seal of State

John J Pettus

By the Governor

A G Brown Secretary of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss June 2nd 1862

To the Sheriff of Pike County

Whereas Reynolds Williams was sentenced to six months imprisonment in the county jail and fifty dollars fine imposed on him by the Circuit Court of Pike County for the crime of Grand Larceny and whereas I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said Reynolds Williams and do request you to release him on receipt of this order

Given under my hand and great seal of State

John J Pettus

By the Governor

A G Brown Secretary of State

Executive Office Jackson June 1862

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary

Whereas Thomas Hall was sentenced to Confinement in the Penitentiary for the term of two years by the Circuit Court of Pike County at the January Term 1862 of said Court for the crime of Petit Larceny and whereas I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon to the said Thomas Hall and do request you to release him on receipt of this order

Given under my hand and great seal of State

John J Pettus

By the Governor

A G Brown
Secretary of State

Executive office Jackson Miss. [illegible]

To Appt Haidin Supt. Miss. Penty
Jackson Miss

Whereas Lehan H. Lester was at the [illegible] Term 1862, of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, Pontotoc to confinement in the Penitentiary for the term of three years, charged with the crime of Larceny,

Now therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do grant this my warrant to the said Lehan H. Lester, and do require you on receipt of these letters to release him from confinement,

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State hereto affixed, this day and year aforesaid.

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
A. Bowyer
Secretary of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss June 21st 62

To the Sheriff of Noxubee County

Whereas at the April term of the Circuit Court of Noxubee County 1862 Herbert Archer was found guilty of the Crime of Manslaughter and fined the sum of five hundred Dollars

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State have thought proper do grant this my warrant for said fine and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of State

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

A. Bowyer Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss July 28th 1862

To the Superintendent of State Penitentiary

Whereas John Lund is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced by the Circuit Court of Lauderdale County for the Crime of Negro Stealing

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State have thought proper do grant this my warrant for the said John Lund and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of State

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

A. Bowyer Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss July 31 1862

To the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary

Thomas Jones Pleases to receive into the Penitentiary Sentenced by the Circuit Court of Hinds County for the Crime of Assault and Battery.

Jno Pettus Gov of the State of Miss by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my Warrant for the said John Stewart and do require you to receive him and keep safely there until

Given under my hand and Great Seal of State at Office
Jackson this 31st July 1862

By the Governor
Wm H Bourgeois Secy of State

Jno J Pettus

Executive Office Jackson Miss Aug 22 1862

To the Superintendent State Penitentiary

Thomas Albert G Stevens is now confined in the State Penitentiary Sentenced
at the August Term for the Crime of Larceny

Jno Pettus Gov of the State of Miss by virtue of
the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State have thought
proper to grant this my Warrant for the said Albert G Stevens and do
require you to receive him on receipt of this Letter

Given under my hand and great
Seal of State at Office
this 22nd Aug 1862

Jno J Pettus

Executive Office
Jackson Miss
Sept 5th 1862.

To the Superintendent State Penitentiary,

Thomas Pitman was Retained
by the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial District of Hinds County
Miss. at the August Term 1862 thereof charged with
the crime of Forgery and Uttering Forged Paper,

The Governor of the State of Miss. by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my Warrant for the said Thomas Pitman and do require you to receive him on receipt of this Letter

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of State at the City of Jackson this 5th day of Sept 1862.

By the Governor
[illegible]

Election!

Proclamation

John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi, to the Sheriffs of the several Counties of the State aforesaid Greeting.

Whereas, the first Monday in October A.D. 1862, is the day appointed by law for holding an election in this State, and whereas it is made my duty to give a writ requiring you to hold the said election at the time and place appointed by law.

Now therefore, I John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do issue this my writ, requiring you to hold an election at the several precincts in your County, on the first Monday in October A.D. 1862, for the following officers to serve for the time specified by law to wit:

One Judge of the High Court of Errors and Appeals for the 2d Judicial District
One Circuit Judge for the District in which your County is included by law.
One District Attorney for the District in which your County is included by law.
One Judge of the Probate Court,
One Clerk of the Probate Court,
One Clerk of the Circuit Court,
One Sheriff,
One Assessor of Taxes,
One Coroner,
One County Treasurer,
One County Surveyor,
One Ranger,
Five Members of the Board of Police, and such Justices of the Peace and Constables as the law requires.

At the said election you will notice and carry out all the requisitions of law, and make your returns duly as thereby prescribed.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this 20th day of August A.D. 1862,

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

A. Snyder
Secretary of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss
Sept 28th 62

To the Superintendent of State Penitentiary

Whereas Richard Anderson is now confined in the State Penitentiary under sentence of the Circuit Court of Warren County for the crime of Larceny from the County of Warren and John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in and by the Constitution and Laws of this State hereby grant a full pardon to the said Richard Anderson and do require you to release him on receipt of this letter

Given under my hand and great Seal of State at Jackson this the day and year above written

John J Pettus

By the Governor
A J Vaughan
Secy of State.

Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Mississippi.

To the Sheriff of Warren County — Greeting.

Whereas by the death of Hon. C. L. Buck, Senator in the State Legislature from the County of Warren, a vacancy has occurred in said office, the unexpired term whereof has more than one year to run; and whereas the laws of this State, in such cases, require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people,

Now therefore, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do issue this my writ, requiring you to hold an election on Monday the Sixth day of October next for a Senator, to fill out the unexpired term of the said C. L. Buck dec'd; and I do enjoin upon you to hold and conduct the said election, in all respects, according to law, and make due return thereof, to the Secretary of State,

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, this 29th day of September A.D. 1862

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
A. J. Vaughan (Secretary of State)

Executive Office Jackson Miss Sept 28th 62

To the Keeper of the State Penitentiary

Whereas John Simpson is now confined in the State Penitentiary under sentence from the County of Tishomingo for the crime of attempt to Rape and whereas I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority vested in and by the Constitution and Laws of this State have thought proper to grant this my pardon for the said John Simpson and do require you to release him on receipt of this letter

Given under my hand and great Seal of State at office

John J Pettus

By the Governor
A J Vaughan
Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson

To the Sheriff of Yallobusha County

You are hereby authorized and enjoined to suspend the collection of the following executions on bonds of recognizance The State of Mississippi vs C J Wrenham as principal and E Cannon Security The State of Mississippi vs C J Wrenham as principal and E Cannon Security The State of Mississippi vs C J Wrenham as principal and Robert Whitten security until after the meeting of the next regular session of the Legislature of this State

Given under my hand and Great Seal of State Office Jackson this 29th day of October A.D. 1861

John J Pettus

By the Governor

A T Broughton Secy of State

Executive office Jackson Miss Oct 29th 1861

To the Sheriff of Yallobusha County Greeting

Whereas a forfeiture was taken against J. A. Austin at the October Term 1861 of the Circuit Court of Yallobusha County on his recognizance and execution has been issued thereon,

Now therefore, you are hereby authorized to suspend the collection of said forfeiture, until after the meeting of the next regular session of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed this day and year above written,

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

A. T. Broughton

Secy of State

Executive office Jackson Miss Nov 1st 1861

To, A. M. Hardin Supt. Miss. Penitentiary -

-Greeting

Whereas Patrick Fitzgerald is now confined in the State Penitentiary, under sentence from the Circuit Court of Adams County, Charged with the murder of James Agin,

Now therefore, I, John J. Pettus for good and satisfactory reasons, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do grant this my pardon to the said Patrick Fitzgerald, and do require you on the receipt of these letters to release him from confinement

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi at office, this 30 day of November 1861,

John J. Pettus

By the Governor

A. T. Broughton

Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss

To the Superintendent of State Penitentiary

Whereas James G Smith is now confined in the State Penitentiary under sentence from Lowndes County for the crime of Manslaughter

Now therefore I John J Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of this State have thought proper to grant him my pardon for the said James G Smith and do require you to release him on receipt of these letters

Given under my hand and great Seal of State

John J Pettus

By the Governor

E A Bingham Secy of State

Executive Office Jackson Miss Oct 11th 1862

To all it may concern. I have this day appointed Capt D S Pattison of Claiborne County Miss. his agent for the State of Mississippi to proceed to the Salt mines in St Marys Parish in the State of Louisiana to purchase salt for the State of Mississippi and to make such Contracts for the transportation of the same as he may see proper and to make such Contracts for the privilidge of mining the salt as he may deem for the best interest of the State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed

John J Pettus

Executive office. Jackson Miss

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi

Greeting!

Whereas Isaac R Haynes is now confined in the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi, for the term of three years under sentence from the Circuit Court of Yallobusha County Mississippi, at the October Term 1859 thereof, charged with the crime of Forgery!

Now therefore I John J Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State do grant this my pardon to the said Isaac R Haynes, and do require you on receipt of these letters to discharge him from confinement;

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi affixed at the City of Jackson this 10th day of November

John J Pettus

By the Governor

E A Bingham

Secy of State

John J Pettus

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

To the Sheriff of Covington Marion, Jones Perry & Green County—Greeting:

Whereas, by the Resignation Frederick Pope Senator from the Counties of Covington Marion Jones Perry & Green

a vacancy has occurred in said office, the unexpired term whereof, has more than one year to run: And, whereas, the laws of this State, in such cases, require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people.

Now, THEREFORE, I, John J Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State, do issue this, my writ, requiring you to to hold an election at the several precincts in your county, on Monday, the 15th day of December next, for a Senator for the Senatorial District composed of the Counties of Covington Marion Jones Perry & Green to fill out the unexpired term of the said Frederick Pope; and I do enjoin you to hold and conduct the said Election, in all respects, according to law, and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, this the 27th day of November A. D. 1862

John J. Pettus

BY THE GOVERNOR.

E. A. Braughton SECRETARY OF STATE.

John J Pettus

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

To the Sheriffs of Jasper Clark and Wayne County—Greeting:

Whereas, by the Death of Robt McCain Senator from the Counties of Jasper Clark & Wayne

a vacancy has occurred in said office, the unexpired term whereof, has more than one year to run: And, whereas, the laws of this State, in such cases, require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people.

Now, THEREFORE, I, John J Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State, do issue this, my writ, requiring you to to hold an election at the several precincts in your county, on Monday, the 15th day of December next, for a Senator for the Senatorial District composed of the Counties of Jasper Clark & Wayne to fill out the unexpired term of the said Robt McCain; and I do enjoin you to hold and conduct the said Election, in all respects, according to law, and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, this the 27th day of November A. D. 1862

John J Pettus

BY THE GOVERNOR.

E. A. Braughton, SECRETARY OF STATE.

John J. Pettus

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

To the Sheriff of Marion *County—Greeting:*

Whereas, by the Resignation of James Phelan Senator from the County of Marion

a vacancy has occurred in said office, the unexpired term whereof, has more than one year to run: And, whereas, the laws of this State, in such cases, require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people.

Now, THEREFORE, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State, do issue this, my writ, requiring you to to hold an election at the several precincts in your county, on Monday, the 15th day of December next, for a Senator for the Senatorial District Composed of the County of Marion

to fill out the unexpired term of the said James Phelan; and I do enjoin you to hold and conduct the said Election, in all respects, according to law, and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, this the 27th day of November A. D. 1862

John J. Pettus

BY THE GOVERNOR.

C. A. Braughn SECRETARY OF STATE.

John J. Pettus

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

To the Sheriff of Yalobusha *County—Greeting:*

Whereas, by the Death of W. W. Bands Representative from the County of Yalobusha

a vacancy has occurred in said office, the unexpired term whereof, has more than one year to run: And, whereas, the laws of this State, in such cases, require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people.

Now, THEREFORE, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State, do issue this, my writ, requiring you to to hold an election at the several precincts in your county, on Monday, the 15th day of December next, for a Representative from the County of Yalobusha

to fill out the unexpired term of the said W. W. Bands; and I do enjoin you to hold and conduct the said Election, in all respects, according to law, and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, this the 27th day of November A. D. 1862

John J. Pettus

BY THE GOVERNOR.

C. A. Braughn SECRETARY OF STATE.

John J. Pettus

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

To the Sheriff of Hinds *County—Greeting:*

Whereas, by the Resignation of L Mims Senator from the County of Hinds

a vacancy has occurred in said office, the unexpired term whereof, has more than one year to run: And, whereas, the laws of this State, in such cases, require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people.

Now, THEREFORE, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State, do issue this, my writ, requiring you to to hold an election at the several precincts in your county, on Monday, the 15th day of December next, for a Senator for the Senatorial District Composed of the County of Hinds

to fill out the unexpired term of the said L Mims; and I do enjoin you to hold and conduct the said Election, in all respects, according to law, and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, this the 27th day of November A. D. 1862

John J. Pettus

BY THE GOVERNOR.

_____ SECRETARY OF STATE.

John J Pettus

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

To the Sheriff of Jasper *County—Greeting:*

Whereas, by the death of A. F. Buntyn Representative from the County of Jasper

a vacancy has occurred in said office, the unexpired term whereof, has more than one year to run: And, whereas, the laws of this State, in such cases, require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people.

Now, THEREFORE, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State, do issue this, my writ, requiring you to to hold an election at the several precincts in your county, on Monday, the 15th day of December next, for a Representative from the County of Jasper

to fill out the unexpired term of the said A. F. Buntyn; and I do enjoin you to hold and conduct the said Election, in all respects, according to law, and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, this the 27th day of November A. D. 1862

John J. Pettus

BY THE GOVERNOR.

E. H. Brayton SECRETARY OF STATE.

John J Pettus

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

To the Sheriff of Yazoo *County—Greeting:*

Whereas, by the death of D. D. Gibbs Representative from the County of Yazoo

a vacancy has occurred in said office, the unexpired term whereof, has more than one year to run: And, whereas, the laws of this State, in such cases, require that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people.

Now, THEREFORE, I, John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the constitution and laws of this State, do issue this, my writ, requiring you to to hold an election at the several precincts in your county, on Monday, the 15th day of December next, for a Representative from the County of Yazoo

to fill out the unexpired term of the said D D Gibbs; and I do enjoin you to hold and conduct the said Election, in all respects, according to law, and make due return thereof to the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, this the 27th day of November A. D. 1862

John J. Pettus

BY THE GOVERNOR.

C. A. Braughn SECRETARY OF STATE.

Proclamation for Convening the Legislature

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Nov 28th 1862

Whereas. The provisions heretofore made for the distressed families of Soldiers should be enlarged so that more may for the necessaries of life while there is property enough in the state to supply them. And whereas a more efficient Military organization is required to meet the dangers which now threaten the state. Now therefore I. John J. Pettus Governor of the state of Mississippi. by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State. do hereby convene the Legislature of the State of Mississippi and do appoint Wednesday the Seventeenth day of December A.D. 1862 for the meeting of the Legislature at the Capital in the City of Jackson.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great deal of the state to be applied at the city of Jackson. This Nov 28th A.D. 1862

By the Governor
C A Braughn
Secretary of State

John J. Pettus

Executive Office
Jackson Miss November 21st 1862

To the Sheriff of Yallahatchie County
Greeting

Whereas it hath been represented to me that one Charles Faund was duly indicted by the Grand Jury of your County at a former Term of the Circuit Court thereof on a charge of gaming upon which charge the said Faund was duly convicted - that he was duly recognized with J. A. Ray and J. F. Miller as his sureties according to Law and whereas also it having been further represented that at the November A.D. 1861 of said Circuit Court an forfeiture was taken upon said recognizance and Judgement nisi entered thereon against said Sureties and that at the May Term of said Court of Yallahatchie County said Judgement nisi was made final upon which Judgement Execution was issued directing you of the goods and chattels of the said principal and sureties to make the sum of four hundred dollars with costs &c in that behalf expended which execution you have caused to be levied upon the goods & chattels of the said J. A. Ray and J. F. Miller Sureties as aforesaid

And whereas it has been further represented that said Charles Faund was a volunteer in the service of the Confederate States and killed at the battle of Belmont in the State of Missouri previous to the time of rendering said Judgement nisi and that this fact was unknown to said sureties at the time of said Judgement

Now therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws thereof do hereby command you the Sheriff of said County of Yallahatchie to suspend the collection of said Judgement until the close of the next regular session of the legislature of the State of Mississippi

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Jackson this the 21st day of Nov A.D. 1862

By the Governor
A. A. Braughn
Secretary of State

John J. Pettus

Pardon for John Ray

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi December 1862

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi
Greeting

Whereas John Ray is now confined in the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi for the Term of four years under sentence from the Circuit Court of Madison County in the State of Mississippi at the June Term A.D. 1861 thereof convicted of a charge "of shooting at a human being with intent to Kill and Murder" such human being

Now therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State do grant this my full Pardon to the said John Ray and require you upon the receipt of these letters to discharge the said Ray from further confinement under said Judgement

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed this the 1st day of December A.D. 1862 at the City of Jackson

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
A. A. Braughn
Secretary of State

Pardon for Jefferson Ray

Executive Office
Jackson Mississippi Dec 10th 1862

To The Superintendent of Penetentiary &c
of the State of Mississippi

Greeting

Whereas Jefferson Ray is now confined in the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi for the Term of two years under Sentence from the Circuit Court of Marion County in the State of Mississippi at the June Term A.D. 1861 thereof convicted of a charge of "[illegible] an Officer".

Now therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by [illegible] Authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State do grant this my [illegible] to the said Jefferson Ray and require you upon the receipt of these letters to discharge the said Jefferson Ray from further Confinement under said Judgment & Sentence

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed this the 10th day of December A.D. 1862 at the City of Jackson

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
E. A. Brayshur
Secretary of State

Pardon of Simeon Bracklin.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Dec 31st 1862.

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi

Greeting,

Whereas Simeon Bracklin is now confined in the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi for the term of Ten years under Sentence of the Circuit Court of Issaquena County in the State of Mississippi at the May Term A.D. 1856 thereof, convicted of a charge of "assault with intent to kill one L. C Howe".

Now therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the Authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State — do grant this my full pardon to the said Simeon Bracklin and require you upon the receipt of these letters, to discharge the said Simeon Bracklin from further confinement under said Judgment & Sentence

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Jackson on the day & year above mentioned

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
E. A. Brayshur
Sec'y of State

Governor's Message

Mr. Speaker (Mr. President)

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to deliver you his message in writing and accompanying documents.

James H. Tivel
Private Secty
Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Dec 24th 1861

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives,

In the consideration of matters of vital importance to the safety of the State, you have been called into extra session. The magnitude of the preparations, and the vast armies sent by our enemies for our subjugation, require corresponding efforts on our part to render our defence successful. To effect this end, I recommend that the entire white male population of the State from sixteen to sixty years of age, be enrolled in the militia and that such of them as are deemed able to go into active service be called at once to the defence of the State. This class who are able for active service in the field will probably constitute one-half of the entire population subject to military duty. The other half could be organized as a reserve to be armed and drilled for local defense against raids of small straggling parties of the enemy. One fourth of this reserved class could act as armed Patrols in their respective counties, and thus give a feeling of security to the people in every county in the State. If it is a matter of necessity to the safety of the State and the successful prosecution of the war to fill up our Regiments now in the field, and to return to the army the hundreds who are absent without leave, or on expired furloughs, or have recovered from disability and are now able to return to duty, I suggest the importance of requiring the Sheriffs, Magistrates & Constables to aid the military authorities of the State & of the Confederate States to enroll, and if necessary, to arrest conscripts, and send them to their proper command, and to send to their commands all who are derelict to the country, and either neglect or refuse to perform it. The prompt and faithful performance of this duty should be enforced by heavy penalties, extending to even dismissal from office, for wilfully failing or refusing to give the required aid, in arresting and sending back to duty those who seek to avoid it. I recommend that the Legislature pass an act disfranchising every citizen who shall be convicted of evading or refusing to perform the military duties required of him by law - either by leaving the State or hiding out from home or otherwise: such are not fit to associate on terms of equality with the loyal and brave who go into the honorable field from the battle for independence. Our labor has been unbounded by the State and Confederate authorities in order to

necessary for the public safety. The liberal and patriotic have cheerfully responded to the call for slaves for this purpose, while some have refused to contribute anything, or even to lend their slaves on assurance of fair and ample compensation. I ask that authority be given the Executive — under such restrictions as may be deemed wise — to call out for the State or Confederate authorities such number of slaves as may be necessary for such purposes in the future; and that the burden may be equally borne by all, I suggest that all the slaves be made liable while acting for more than a limited period to compel the citizen to do his duty to the State and country. I would respectfully remind the Legislature that no class of our citizens has claims upon the State as imperative and as strong as any claim the State can have upon the soldiers in the field and their families and dependents. The soldiers now or soon to be in the field. Deprived of the means of support by calling the husband and father to the army, they may justly claim protection and a supply of the necessaries of life from the State which now acquires the services of their natural protectors. The provision now made by the Legislature is found to be wholly inadequate. Owing to the drought of the last season which extended over a large portion of the State, and the necessity of calling more men into the field, the number of destitute families will be greatly increased, and thereby added largely to the wants of our people, who are even now in many districts suffering for bread. Such a condition of affairs ought not to be allowed to exist while there is bread within the State to prevent it. I therefore recommend that the most liberal provisions be made by the Legislature in behalf of the families of our soldiers now in the field, and the widows and orphans of such as have fallen in defence of their country: and I further recommend in this connection that discretionary power be given to the Boards of Police in each county to extend any legislative provision that may be made by county Courts — if such legislative provision should again be found inadequate to supply the necessaries of life to the sufferers of their respective counties. The most pressing want of our people at the present time is a supply of salt. During the last summer I sent agents to Virginia, Alabama & Louisiana in order to procure if possible a supply of salt for the people of the State either by purchase or mining. Their missions, however from various causes proved entirely unsuccessful, except the agent to Louisiana who succeeded in purchasing a small quantity of salt in New Iberia Louisiana. About 4,000 pounds of salt are now at Vicksburg, which I propose to distribute to the destitute families of soldiers. Some other contracts have been recently made for a large supply of salt and if it should be successful in this, I hope to be able to supply the State. When contracted for I will be pleased to submit to any Committee that the Legislature may appoint for that purpose. If these efforts should prove a failure I know of no other source of supply but by

mining on State account at New Iberia Louisiana, when the deposit so far as is known is unlimited. He that event I ask that authority be given to use the State labor of the State and the wagons and teams necessary for the mining & hauling the salt to Atchafalaya, the nearest point to steamboat navigation. While my efforts have procured a very small amount of salt on State account, I have given all the information and assistance in my power to private enterprise and it affords me much satisfaction to say, that in consequence of such information and assistance, many individuals have succeeded in supplying themselves and neighbors with salt. — I have been unable to obtain transportation sufficient to convey the salt obtained to the interior of the State. I therefore request that the Legislature take some action in the premises so as to secure speedy transportation for the salt that may be obtained as the future and as the item of bread is of vital importance to a large portion of the State, it would be well for the Legislature to include transportation for corn and wheat in any provision made for the transportation of salt.

The exorbitant prices asked for every article of food by those who are engaged in buying and selling for profit, and many who produce them, is putting the means of living beyond the reach of many of our poor citizens — and if permitted to go unchecked will bankrupt the property of the country to the hands of the worst and basest portion of our citizens. I ask that a law be passed prohibiting the buying and selling of grain for profit, and its distillation into spirits, and that some reasonable price be fixed beyond which the extortioner cannot go without incurring a heavy penalty.

The military bill passed at the last session of the Legislature made no provision for the appointment of the Staff of the Major General of the State Militia. I recommend that authority be given to the Major General to appoint his Staff, as the duties of his office cannot be performed without such aid.

The Treasury notes to the full amount authorized by the Legislature at its last session has been advanced on cotton. This act for the relief of the people and for supplying a sound circulating medium for the State, has accomplished all that its most sanguine friends expected, and of the $1.500.000 appropriated by the Legislature for military purposes but $981.534 have been expended, leaving in the Treasury a balance of $1.218.466. No further appropriation in this behalf is required.

For the information of the Legislature as to the State troops I respectfully refer you to the report of Major Gen. F. C. Tupper herewith transmitted. The private men now in the field have rendered service and conduct to be highly commended. Their presence and efficiency have done much to restrain the inroads of the invading foe. The State armory at Brandon is doing all that could be expected with the limited means in our possession, in the construction and repairing of arms. For full information upon this subject I refer you to the report of the Chief of Ordinance herewith transmitted.

You will see by the report of the Adjutant General of the

State that we now have forty six regiments of infantry in the Confederate service besides the cavalry and artillery, and the unattached battalions and companies of the several arms which were organized by and reported directly to the Confederate authorities at Richmond leaving no record of their existence in the office of the Adjutant General of this State. Since your last session Mississippi has become the theatre of war. After the fall of New Orleans and Memphis, three sides of the State were exposed to the Northern plunderers. Until recently our people have suffered, compared with the four States adjoining, but little loss of property, for the enemy have been required to pay in blood for the plunder they gathered on our soil. Their efforts were mainly directed to clearing the Mississippi River of the only remaining obstruction to its free navigation. Some fortifications hastily constructed at Vicksburg, were at the beginning of the contest scarcely deemed worthy of their notice, but after months spent in bombarding, and at times the most furious attack that has ever occurred upon this continent, the united efforts of both the upper and lower fleets could not secure the safe passage of one boat. Baffled and bootless they retired in confessed defeat. The spell which attended the name of Pemberton was broken at Vicksburg. While this brilliant success to our arms — securing our soil — adds renown to the State, Mississippi can only claim a share of the glory of the achievement — Louisiana, Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri had gallant representatives there to share the dangers of the conflict and the honors of the triumph. Nor should I forget the brilliant part played in this defence by the Confederate Steamer Arkansas, and her heroic officers and crew. Though baffled, last summer the enemy have worked with all the energy which wounded pride and bitter hate could give them and are now advancing to the siege with larger fleets and much larger land force. We have not been idle spectators of their preparations and the history of Southern triumph at the Hill City, I hope is not yet finished. Thanks to the energy of our mechanics and the skill of our engineers, the foremost of their gunboat fleet lies a shattered wreck at the bottom of the Yazoo River. The torpedo has at last done its work. I hail this success as a happy omen of our triumph over our enemies in the approaching struggle — that triumph must be bought by patient endurance & hard fighting. From all the accounts of the devastations committed wherever they have marched on our soil it is manifest that we have nothing to lose by fighting. Mississippi is now called on to put forth all her strength to expel the invasion of an enemy who have discarded both the principles and practices of civilized warfare. The struggle is now for her existence as a State. Her sons have won for her an invidious renown by bravery unsurpassed on many fields, and attracted to her the bitterest hatred of the common enemy of the Confederacy. I appeal to the Legislature for such legislation as in their wisdom they may deem necessary to enable the State to maintain the proud position among her sister States, won for her by the blood of her heroic sons. Let us animate the world by our actions that all the patriotism and courage did not die out of the

with the Regiments that have been sent from home to meet the enemy in more distant fields. If Mississippi be true to her former history, I have an abiding confidence that after a few months more of suffering and trials the God who loves justice and rewards devotion, will bless our land with independence and peace.

John J. Pettus.

Executive Office,
Jackson Miss. Dec. 28th 1861

Gentlemen of the Senate
& House of Representatives,

I herewith transmit to the Legislature, Resolutions adopted by the State of Alabama in relation to transportation on Rail Roads, and as the people of Mississippi have experienced the same difficulties in obtaining the transportation necessary to supply food to those sections of the State where they drought has left them without enough to sustain the population until a crop can be made. I ask such action on the subject as may remedy the evil, and at the same time interfere as little as possible with the Confederate authorities in the use of these roads. The Express companies seem to be taking a much larger amount of transportation on the R. Roads than formerly and if the Rail Roads could be induced to limit the amount of freight thus taken over their Roads at enormous charges, there would be more room and capacity for freight for private citizens.

I also transmit herewith Joint Resolution of the State of Alabama on the subject of guaranteeing the war debt of the Confederate Government by the several States. I doubt not that the Legislature will do all in its power to satisfy our sister States, the Confederate Government and the world, that Mississippi is willing to sink or swim with the Confederate Government to which she has voluntarily attached herself now & hereafter.

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Jan 24th 1862

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Senate Bills Entitled

An Act for the Relief of Thomas M Rae assignee of James McMiggin[illegible]

An Act further to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Town of Canton" and to repeal all former acts incorporating the same"

James H. Rives
Private Secty

Executive office Dec 24th 1862

Mr President (and Speaker of the House of Representatives)

I am directed by His Excellency to deliver to you the enclosed Message

James M. Rives

Private Secty

Executive office Dec 24th 1862

Gentlemen of the Senate

And House of Representatives

The sick and wounded Soldiers from the State of Mississippi demand at the hands of her Legislature that attention which will ensure their comfort and proper treatment. The Hospital System of the Confederate States army is necessarily imperfect and it has failed to give that speedy relief to our suffering Soldiers which their cases often imperatively demand. A more perfect System of Hospitals perhaps under existing circumstances cannot now be established without the assistance of the States themselves. I have good reason to believe that Separate State Hospitals wherever they have been permitted to be established by the Confederate Authorities have done much good and it is also believed that the appointment by State authority of Skillful and efficient Surgeons to visit the Hospitals in the different departments and see to the condition of our sick and wounded Soldiers would result in much good. I therefore recommend that the Legislature make provision by law for the appointment of at least two competent Surgeons. One for the department of Virginia and the other for the West whose duty it shall be to attend to the wants of our sick and wounded in their respective Departments

John J. Pettus

Executive office Dec 26th 1862

Mr Speaker.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to deliver to you his Message with accompanying Report of the Chief of Ordnance

James M. Rives

Private Secty

Executive Office Dec 24th 1862

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

I herewith transmit the report of the acting Chief of Ordnance in compliance with the Resolution of the House passed on the 20th Dec inst. requiring "a more full and specific statement of the number condition and description of Arms received from the several Counties &c

John J. Pettus

Executive office Dec 26th 1862

Mr President

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to deliver to you his message in writing in reply to Senate Resolution ordering of 24th inst Calling for documents &c

James M Rives Private Secty

Executive office Dec 26th 1862

Gentlemen of the Senate

In reply to the resolution of the Senate passed on the 24th inst ~~calling~~ informing me that "the documents purporting to accompany his (my) message to the Legislature have not been received by this (Senate) body request the documents &c The documents to which your resolution refers were transmitted with my message to the House of Representatives. Having sent one Copy each of the reports to which I referred I transmitted those Copies to the most convenient branch of the Legislature

John J. Pettus

Executive Office Dec 29th 1862

Mr President

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has to day signed and approved Senate Bills entitled "An act in relation to the Penitentiary"

An Act for the Relief of certain public officers

Bondsmen

An Act to amend an act approved January 29th 1862 to suspend for a limited time certain parts of the Statute of Limitations

James H. Rives
Private Secy

Executive Office Dec 31st 1862

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved House Bills entitled

An Act to further provide for the Public defence

An act to Legalize the assessment in the Counties of Bayou Lawrence and Bernard

An act for the Relief of Capt Henry Jamison of Attalla County

An act to authorize the removal of the Judicial and other public Records of Counties and for other purposes

James H. Rives
Private Secy

Executive Office Jan. 6th 1863.

Mr Speaker

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to deliver to you his message in writing, with the accompanying report of the L. Dr. Dept of the State.

James H. Rives
Private Secy.

Executive Office Jan 1st 1863.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

I herewith transmit to you the report of Col. A. Dr. Brahe, L. Dr. Dept of the State of Mississippi — At the time I transmitted to you the reports of the heads of the other military departments of the State, the report of Col Brahe had not been handed in, and even now the report has not been signed for the reason that the L. Dr. Dept, after preparing his report was called away to his family in Holmes County where he was taken violently ill and has not since been able to resume his duties. The report is however complete and shows the operations in the L. Dr. Department in the State since the 11th day of February, 1862

John J. Pettus,

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Executive office Jany 3rd 1863

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Senate Bills Entitled

An act to procure salt for the indigent families of Soldiers and for other purposes

James H. Rives
Private Secy

Executive office Jany 3rd 1863

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved House Bills entitled

An act to authorize the appointment of two medical Commissioners to especially attend to to the sick and wounded Soldiers from this State in the Confederate army and for other purposes

An Act to increase the Manufacture of Arms

An Act to authorize persons who have sold arms to the State to be paid therefor

An Act Better to provide for the families of our Soldiers

James H. Rives
Private Secy

Executive office Jany 3d 1863

Mr President (and Mr Speaker)

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to deliver to you this Message in writing

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Jany 3d 1863

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives

The most responsible office and one involving more hazard and labor than any other in the Militia of the State is the office of the Quarter Master General. combining the responsibilities and labor of Commissary and Paymaster General - I regard the Salary of fifteen hundred ($1500) as wholly inadequate to the risk and labor of this office and recommend that the full pay of Colonel be given for the performance of this duty. I further recommend that the pay of the Adgt Genl be also raised to the pay of Colonel

John J Pettus

Executive office Jany 3d 1863

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Senate Bill Entitled

An act to prohibit the distillation of Spirits from Molasses or Sugar

James H Rives
Private Secy

Executive office Jany 3d 1863

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Senate Bills
Entitled

An act to tax unauthorized issues of Japer money

An act to provide for a guaranty by the state of Mississippi of the Bonds of the confederate State

James H. Rives
Private Secty

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Jan 8th 1863

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Senate Bills entitled —

An act to amend an Act to revise & reduce into one the Militia and volunteer laws of the State.

An act to suspend for a limited time the collection of the tax therein named.

An act supplementary to the Act Entitled an Act to suspend for a limited time the collection of the tax therein named.

James H. Rives,
Private Secty

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Jan 8th 1863.

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved House Bills entitled,

An Act to authorize the impressment of Slaves and other personal property for military purposes.

An Act in relation to Executors, Administrators & Guardians.

James H. Rives
Private Secty

Executive Office Jany 3d 1863

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved Senate Resolutions entitled

Preamble and Resolutions explanatory of the reasons inducing the Legislature to suspend for a limited time the Collection of the Military Tax imposed by Ordinance of the Convention

James H. Rives
Private Secty
Executive office Jany 3d 1863

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and [redacted]ed House Bills entitled
An Act Making certain Appropriations therein named
An act to aid in Strengthening the army of the Confederate State

James H. Rives
Private Secty

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Pardon of H Beckman

Executive office

Jackson Mississippi January 5th 1863

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary
of the State of Mississippi

Greeting

Whereas H Beckman is now confined in the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi for the term of five years under sentence from the Circuit Court of Pike County in the State of Mississippi at the September Term A.D. 1861 thereof convicted of a charge of Larceny

Now Therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State do grant this my full pardon to the said H. Beckman and require upon the receipt of these Letters to discharge the said H Beckman from further Confinement under said Judgement and Sentence

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Jackson this the 5th day of January A.D. 1863

John J Pettus

By the Governor
A. R. Brayton
Secty of State

Pardon of John Lee

Executive office

Jackson Miss, January 5th 1863

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary
of the State of Mississippi

Greeting,

Whereas John Lee is now confined in the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi for the Term of five years under Sentence from the Circuit Court of Lauderdale County in the State of Mississippi at the October Term A.D. 1858 thereof convicted of a charge of Larceny

Now Therefore I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State do grant this my full pardon to the said John Lee and require upon the receipt of these letters to discharge the said Lee from further confinement under said Judgement & Sentence

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State to be affixed at Jackson this the 5th day of January A.D. 1863

John J. Pettus

By the Governor
A. R. Brayton
Secretary of State

Executive office
Jackson Miss January 15th 1863

In pursuance and by virtue of the authority vested in me by an act of the Legislature entitled "an act to procure salt for the indigent families of Soldiers and for other purposes" Approved January 1st 1863 I have this day appointed and by these letters do appoint Lillman Lamar a citizen of Holmes County Mississippi an agent for his County to procure Wagons Teams and drivers and provisions sufficient for their sustenance for twenty days hereby giving him full and ample authority under the above recited act to hire said Wagons Teams & drivers and purchase said provisions and failing in this he has authority to seize and impress the same in the County of Holmes in the state of Mississippi from the citizens thereof the number of twenty wagon Teams of four to six Mules or horses each and drivers for the same and subsistance therefor

And the said Lillman Lamar is further authorized to hire or impress fifty additional negro men between the ages of 18 & 50 years and provisions for the same for twenty days

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state to be affixed at Jackson this the 15th day of January 1863

John J Pettus

By the Governor
A R Braughn
Secty of State

Executive office
Jackson Miss January 15th 1863

In pursuance and by virtue of the authority vested in me by "an act of the legislature entitled an act to procure salt for the indigent families of Soldiers and for other purposes" Approved January 1st 1863. I have this day appointed and by these letters do appoint John Fatheree a citizen of Copiah County in the state of Mississippi an agent for his county to procure wagons Teams & drivers and sustenance therefor for twenty days. and forty additional negro men to aid in carrying out the provisions of the above recited act. hereby giving him full authority to hire twenty wagons & Teams of 4 to 6 mules each with drivers and subsistance for the same for twenty days. and failing in this he has authority to seize and impress in his county from the citizens thereof the said number of twenty wagons Teams & drivers with subsistance for the same for twenty days and the said John Fatheree is further authorized to hire or impress forty additional negro men between the ages of 18 & 50 years and provisions for the same for twenty days

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State to be affixed at Jackson this the 15th day of January 1863

John J Pettus

By the Governor
A. R. Braughn
Secty of State

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Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Jan 19th 1863.

To the Supt of Penitentiary
of the State of Mississippi
Greeting

Whereas D. A. Davenport was convicted in the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi for the term of seven years, under sentence of the Circuit Court of Bolivar County the State of Mississippi at the March term A.D. 1860 thereof convicted of a charge of manslaughter,

Now know ye, John L. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution & Laws of this State do grant this my full pardon unto the said D. A. Davenport & require you upon the receipt of these Letters to discharge the said D. A. Davenport from further confinement under said judgement and sentence.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Jackson this the day & year first above written.

John L. Pettus.

By the Governor
O. C. Brougher
Secty of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. Jan 20th 1863.

In pursuance of & by virtue of the authority vested in me by an act of the Legislature entitled, "An act to procure aid for the indigent families of soldiers & for other purposes", approved Jan. 1st 1863, I have this day appointed & by these Letters do appoint, O. C. Sumner a citizen of Clark Co, in this State an Agent for the Counties of Clark, Jasper, Smith and Newton, to procure wagons, teams, negroes & provisions - to aid in carrying out the provisions of the above recited act - hereby giving him authority to hire all the Negroes, Wagons & Teams he can in said counties & to purchase provisions for the same for twenty days - And I do order & require the Sheriffs of said Counties to hire ten wagons & teams & twenty negro men, & him in that event the said O. C. Sumner is hereby fully authorized to seize & impress in the Counties to failing to hire the Negroe Teams, Drivers or provisions a sufficient number of either to make up the deficiency -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Jackson this the day & year first above mentioned.

John L. Pettus.

By the Governor
O. C. Brougher
Secretary of State

Executive Office
Jackson Miss January 22nd 1863

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary
of the State of Mississippi

Greeting

Whereas Joseph Williams is now confined in the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi for the Term of ten years under sentence from the Circuit Court of Lawrence County in the State of Mississippi at the December Term A.D. 1859 Thereof convicted of a charge of manslaughter

Now I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the Authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State do grant this my full pardon to the said Joseph Williams and require upon the receipt of these letters to discharge him the said Williams from further confinement under said Judgment & Sentence

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Great Seal to be affixed at Jackson this the day & year first above written

By the Governor —
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State

John J. Pettus

Executive Office
Jackson Miss Jan 22d 1863.

In pursuance of and by virtue of the authority vested in me by an Act of the Legislature, entitled, "An Act to procure salt for the indigent families of Soldiers and for other purposes" Approved Jan 1st 1863 — I have this day appointed and do by these presents appoint, A. K. Hamer, a citizen of Adams County in this State, an Agent for the Counties of Adams, Franklin & Wilkinson to procure wagons, teams, teamsters & provisions to aid in carrying out the provisions of the above recited act — Hereby giving him authority to hire all the negroes, wagons & teams he can in said counties, and to purchase provisions for the same for twenty days — and should he fail in either of said Counties to hire the wagons & teams and twenty negro men, I do in that event the said A. K. Hamer is hereby fully authorized to impress in the counties to failing to hire wagons, teams, Drivers or provisions, a sufficient number of each to make up the deficiency —

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Jackson this the day and year first above mentioned —

John J. Pettus.

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State.

Given under my Hand
Jackson Miss. Feb 6th 1865

In pursuance of & by virtue of the authority vested in me by
Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act to procure Lands for the sepul-
chres of Soldiers & for other purposes" Approved Jan 1st 1865
I have this day appointed & do by these letters appoint R. A.
Smith a citizen of Clark County in this State, an Agent for the
Counties of Lauderdale Kemper, Neshoba & Scott, to procure upon
terms reasonable & provisions to aid in carrying out the provisions
of the above recited act hereby giving him authority to hire
all the negroes, wagons & teams he can in said Counties, & to purchase
provisions for the same for twenty days. And I do order & require
the civil officers of said Counties & Civil & Military Officers
of this State in that event the said R. A. Smith to hereby fully authorized
to seize & impress in the Counties & failing to hire the wagons
teams, Drivers & provisions a sufficient number of hands to make
up the deficiency.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & caused the Great Seal of the
State to be affixed at Jackson this the
day & year first above mentioned.

By the Governor
John J Pettus.
C. A. Brougher
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. March 27th 1865

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary
State of Mississippi
Greeting.

Whereas Doctor Hughes, is now confined
in the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi. for the Term of twenty years, under
sentence, from the circuit Court of Attalla county, in said State, at the
March Term. A.D. 1861 Thereof convicted of a charge of manslaughter -

Now therefore
I John J Pettus. Governor of the State of Mississippi. by virtue of the
authority vested in me. by the constitution and laws of this State,
do grant this my full pardon to the said Doctor Hughes, and require
you upon the receipt of these letters to discharge him. the said Hughes
from further confinement, under said sentence.

In testimony to which
I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of
the State to be affixed, at Jackson, this the day & year first above written

By the Governor
C A Brougher
Secy of State.

John J Pettus

Executive office
Jackson Miss March 30th 1863

By virtue and in pursuance of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Mississippi by an act of the Legislature Approved January 1st 1863 entitled an act to procure salt for the indigent families of Soldiers and for other purposes. I have this day appointed and do by these letters ~~this day~~ appoint Col Calvin Miller an agent for and in my behalf as an agent of the State of Mississippi to make requisitions in writing for transportation upon the Rail Roads running through the north western portion of said State to carry grain or other provisions for the destitute citizens of the state of Mississippi upon said Rail Roads upon affidavit being filed and registered stating the amount of transportation wanted with the articles to be shipped and that the same is not for resale or speculation but for the use of the applicant or his own family

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state to be affixed at Jackson this the day & year first above written

By the Governor
E. A. Branigan
Secty of State

John J Pettus
Governor of Miss

Lieut-Gen'l J C Pemberton
Comd'g Dept- Miss & E La
Jackson
Miss.

I am directed by his Excellency, Gov Pettus to say to you - that he is anxious to call ~~all~~ the resources of the State ~~and~~ place them, in the hands of those who are defending ~~her~~ from the invasion of the enemy - when ever in the opinion of the Lt-Gen'l ~~Comd'g~~ - those resources are necessary for the defence of the State or the support - good conduct of the army - but the law which places this power in the hands of the executive, has also given him the property (slaves or other property) shall be impressed for the defence of the State. upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Comd'g Gen'l and the Governor of the State. His Excellency has been informed and believes that - the conditions, upon which he first - agreed to impress negroes and other property, has been disregarded. particularly by your subordinate officers. He therefore directs me to ask of you the following questions and respectfully requests an answer as - your earliest convenience. Viz.

When negroes are impressed upon your requisition for public service - will they be returned by you in the county or counties in which they are impressed. or will ~~you cause~~ transportation to be furnished. Will the confederate authorities pay the expenses of the impressments - hire of the negroes, and value of ~~working~~ them ~~or~~ if so when will it - be done, will the authority of owners ~~be~~ proper to superintend the labor of negroes impressed as the Law provides. be retained & maintained or not -

Negroes have been impressed and kept - at Rail Roads works for several days and finally sent home for the want - of some agent - to receive them and want - of transportation.

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Executive Office
Jackson. Miss 8th April 1863

Hon. Eli Abbott of Chickasaw County is hereby authorized and empowered to cast the vote of the State of Mississippi on stock owned by said State at the meeting of the Stockholders appointed for some time in this month, at Mobile.

By the Governor
C A Brougher
Secretary of State.

John I Pettus
Governor of Miss.

Pardon of Thomas Garrett.
Executive Office
Jackson, Miss. April 6th 1863

To the Superintendent of
the Penitentiary of the
State of Mississippi,

Greeting

Whereas Thomas Garrett is now confined in the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi, for the Term of three years, under Sentence of the Circuit-Court, of Carroll county, in the State of Mississippi, at the May Term, A.D. 1858, thereof, convicted of a Charge of Arson, Pleading. Now Therefore I, John J Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of authority vested in me, by the constitution, and Laws of the State, do grant This my full pardon to the said, Thomas Garrett, and require You, upon the receipt of these Letters, to discharge the said Thomas Garrett, from further confinement, under said judgment and Sentence. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great-Seal of the State, to be affixed, at the City of Jackson on the day & Year above first-written above.

John J. Pettus.

By the Governor
C. H. Brougher,
Secty of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss 21st April 1863

To the Sheriff of Copiah County

Greeting

Whereas the High Court of Errors and Appeals at the Sedonary Special Term A. D. 1863 thereof did make final the judgment upon a certain fine imposed by said Court against Simeon D Cooney clerk of the circuit court of said County of Copiah for the sum of One Hundreds Dollars and costs, for failing to send up as ordered to said High Court of Error and Appeals an amended record in a case then pending upon appeal or writ of error, wherein W A Kilpatrick & John R Perkins garnishees were appelants and Elbert Ferguson appellee.

Now therefore I, John I Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this state, do remit this fine and hereby commands you upon receipt of these letters to suspend all proceedings for the collection of said fine and costs, under said Judgement of said High Court of Errors & Appeals.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hands and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the city of Jackson the day and year above written

John I Pettus.

By the Governor
C A Broughes
Secy. of State.

Pardon of Victor Bogart

Executive office
Jackson. Miss 29th April 1863

To the Superintendent of the
Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi

Greeting,

Whereas Victor Bogart is now confined in the Penitentiary of the state of Mississippi, under a sentence from the circuit court of Hancock county, in the state of Mississippi, at the April term A. D. 1861, thereof, convicted of a charge of manslaughter.

And whereas the sentence of said court and the papers relating to his case have never been received, and believing that the said Victor Bogart has served out the full term of his sentence of Confinement in the Penitentiary;

Now, therefore, I, John I. Pettis, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of this state, do grant this my full pardon to the said Victor Bogart, and request your upon the receipt of these letters to discharge him, the said Bogart from further Confinement under said sentence.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Great Seal of the state to be affixed at Jackson, this the day & year above written

John I Pettis

By the Governor
C A Broughes
Secy of State.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss 2nd May 1863

To the Superintendent of the
Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi,

Greeting.

Whereas J. H. Ross is now confined in the Penitentiary of the state of Mississippi under a sentence from the Circuit Court of Lawrence County in the State of Mississippi at the May term A.D. 1859 thereof convicted of a Charge of Robbery.

Now therefore I John I Pettus, Governor of the state of Mississippi by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the do grant this my full pardon to the said J. H. Ross and require you upon the receipt of these letters to discharge him the said Ross from further confinement under said sentence.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hands, and caused the Great Seal of the state to be affixed at Jackson, this the day & year above written.

John I Pettus

By the Governor
C A Scruggs
Secy of State

Executive office
Jackson Miss 4th May 1863

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary
of the State of Mississippi.

Greeting..

Whereas I am informed that there are at present confined in the Penitentiary of the state of Mississippi a number of very violent and desperate men who are known to entertain disloyal sentiments towards the Government & to sympathize with the enemies of the South in the great struggle now in progress & who it is believed if discharged by the enemy in the event the city of Jackson should fall into the hands of the Federal army would endanger the lives and property of the citizens.

To guard against the Commission of such excesses by them I have made arrangement with the Governor of Alabama to receive and confine them in the Penitentiary of that state until such time as it may be deemed safe to return them to your custody in the Penitentiary of this state.

Now therefore I. John I Pettus Governor of the state of Mississippi do require you to deliver to the Governor of Alabama & through him to the Superintendent of the Penitentiary of that state, the following named convicts now in your custody & that you detail a sufficient Guard to accompany them to Montgomery for the purpose aforesaid; Viz.

No	Names	County from	Offence	Nativity
14	Sidney White	Lowndes	Larceny	South Carolina
19	Chas. Johnson	Warren	Larceny	Louisiana
31	Robt Benson	Lafayette	Larceny	Ohio
38	Saml. Thompson	Warren	Larceny	Pennsylvania
47	W L McNeal	Rankin	Negro Stealing	~~Virginia~~
48	H Johnson	Warren	Burglary	Missouri
49	James Downs	De Soto	Negro Stealing	New York

74	George Hamilton	Adams	Negro stealing	Irelands
79	J Nelsons	Hanen	Robbery	Englands
87	A Thompsons	Harren	Robbery	Ireland
119	John Mitchell	Harren	Assault to kill	Ireland
121	Wm Brumfield	Hanen	Lamping Slave	Kentucky
144	I Davidsons	Hanen	Robbery	Irelands
148	Frank Jones	Harren	Robbery	Ireland
39	Jr Jr McMahon	Hinds	Manslaughter	Irelands
14	John Wilson	Harren	Larceny	Kentucky
17	John Webb	Harren	Larceny	Ohio
24	J O'Neal	Hanen	attempt to kill	Ireland
33	George Lucas	Hanen	Robbery	New Orleans
19	L B Branch	Hanen	Larceny	Louisiana
146	Thos Walsh	Hanen	Larceny	Ireland
119	S. Carlisle	Hanen	Larceny	Englands
46	Jr Higgins	Madison	Larceny	Irelands
41	It Wahto	Jackson	Larceny	Hannes
137	John Finley	Hanen	Robbery	New York

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Jackson the day & year above written.

John I Pettus

By the Governor
C A Brougher
Secy of State.

Executive Office.
Jackson, Miss. 3rd May 1863.

Five Hundred Negroes wanted for one week to fortify the city of Jackson.

The same will be received by myself and subsisted by the State. It is hoped that all citizens will respond to this call without delay by sending able-bodied men with one days rations and Axes, Spades, Shovels, Picks &c.

This appeal is made to the patriotism of the people as no impressment is deemed necessary.

The names of those who fail to respond to this appeal will be handed to me.

John I Pettus.

Executive Office.
Jackson, Miss. 5th May 1863.

The Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Attorney General and Secretary of State will have the Record Books and Papers necessary to carry on the business of their respective departments ready for removal at half an hours notice.

By order of Gov. Pettus.

W A Barbour
Secy.

Executive Office
Jackson, Miss. 3rd May 1863

To the People of Mississippi.

Recent events familiar to you all impel me as your Chief Magistrate to appeal to your patriotism for united effort in expelling our enemies from the soil of Mississippi.

It can and must be done. Let no man capable of bearing arms withhold from his state his services in repelling the invasion.

Duty - interest - our common safety demand every sacrifice necessary for the protection of our homes, our honor, liberty itself.

The exalted position won in her name, upon every battle-field where Mississippi's sons have unfurled her proud banner and hurled defiance in the face of overwhelming numbers forbids that her honor, the chivalry of her people, the glory of her daring deeds upon foreign fields should be tarnished and her streaming battle-flag dragged to the dust by barbarian hordes on her own soil.

Awake then — arouse — Mississippians; Young and Old - from your fertile plains, your beautiful towns and cities; your once quiet and happy but now desecrated homes: - Come and join your Brothers in arms, your sons and neighbors who are now baring their bosoms to the storm of battle at your very doors, and in defence of all you hold dear.

Meet in every county with your arms; organize companies of not less than 20 under the Act of Congress - forward your musters rolls to this office and you will be received into the service, with all the protection and rights belonging to other soldiers in the field. Ammunition will be furnished you and every aid in my power extended to you for your security and efficiency.

Fathers; Brothers; Mississippians! while your sons and kindred are bravely fighting your battles on other fields and shedding new lustre on your name, the burning disgrace of successful invasion of their homes - of insult and injury to their wives, mothers and sisters - of rapine and ruin, with God's help and by your assistance shall never be written while a Mississippian lives to feel in his proud heart such a scorching degradation.

Every moments inaction and delay but strengthens your enemy and weakens your Brothers in arms - let every man then make it his business, laying all else aside, to assist in organizing as many companies as can be raised in each county and report immediately to this office for orders. By this course you will enable our army in a short time to expel the invader, secure the safety of your homes and shed imperishable honor on your name.

You will not be without assistance until this reaches you, so let no man forgo the proud distinction of being one of his country's defenders, or hereafter wear the disgraceful badge of the cowardly laggard or dastardly traitor who refused to defend his home and his country.

John J. Pettus.

Executive Office
Jackson. Miss. 7th May 1863

Col. A. M. West. Quarter Master General.

Will furnish transportation for boxes &c belonging to this State to pass over the Southern Railroad and any other Road in the state

By order of Gov. Pettus

W A Barbour
Secy.

Executive Office
Jackson. Miss 11th June 1863

W W Whitehurst &
James G Garrett Esqs.
Land Office
Washington, Miss

Gen

You are hereby ordered to remove the field notes, record books and other important papers belonging to your offices, moving the most valuable first, to some point of safety on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad so that they can be carried further if necessary.

By order of Gov Pettus

W A Barbour
Secy.

Executive Office
Jackson. Miss. 26th June 1863

To the Sheriff of Lowndes County
Greeting

Whereas at the late term of the Circuit Court of Lowndes County one —— Wilson was convicted of Petty Larceny and thereupon sentenced to imprisonment in the Penitentiary of the State of Mississippi for the term of six months; and

Whereas the said —— Wilson is now confined in the jail of Lowndes County in your custody

Now therefore, I, John J Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi in virtue of the power in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said state, in consideration of the youth and other mitigating circumstances in the case of said Convict, do grant unto the said —— Wilson this my full pardon, and do hereby require you to set him at liberty upon the receipt of these letters.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Mississippi to be affixed at Jackson this day and year above written

John J. Pettus.

By the Governor
A Bringhurst
Secy of State.

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Proclamation.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss. 7th July 1863

To the People of Mississippi:

Whereas, The President of the Confederate States has through the Honorable Secretary of War called on me to furnish Seven thousand men for service in the State of Mississippi, for the period of six months, from the first day of August next, Proclamation is hereby made that I will receive into service volunteer companies to the amount required by this requisition.

These companies are to be organized under an Act of Congress, entitled, "An Act to provide for local defense and special service," approved 2nd August 1861 as follows:

Section I. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the President be and is hereby authorized to accept the services of volunteers of such kind and in such proportion as he may deem expedient, to serve for such time as he may prescribe for the defense of exposed places or localities or such special service as he may deem expedient.

Section 2. And such forces shall be mustered into the service of the Confederate States for the local defense or special service aforesaid; the muster roll setting forth distinctly the service to be performed, and the said volunteers shall not be considered in actual service until thereunto specially ordered by the President, and they shall be entitled to pay and subsistence only for such time as they may be on duty under the order of the President or by his direction

Section 3. Such volunteer forces when so accepted and ordered into service shall be organized in accordance with and subject to all the provisions of the act, entitled, "An Act to provide for the public defense," approved March 6th, 1861, and may be attached to such divisions, brigades, regiments or battalions as the President may direct, and when not organized into battalions or regiments before being mustered into service the President shall appoint the field officers of the battalion or regiment when organized as such by him.

Should the quota of men required fail to be furnished by volunteer organizations under the above law previous to the first day of August 1863, I will proceed to make up the deficiency by draft out of the whole militia force of the State not then in service. The urgent need of the State for this additional force must be apparent all.

This requisition must be filled without delay and the number of men called for obtained either by volunteer organizations or by drafting.

You have before you the election of volunteering into companies for special service in your own State, under officers of your own selection, with the privilege of remaining at home in pursuit of your ordinary avocations and interests, unless called into active duty by some pressing exigency, or being forced into a continuous and compulsory service for some appointed time as drafted militia men.

The prompt manner in which the patriotic men of Mississippi have always responded to their country's call will not justify a single doubt as to which course they will now pursue — to organize themselves voluntarily or to be drafted.

In the formation of these companies it is to be expected that those who have already been served either in the State or Confederate army and who have been released from duty either [redacted] detail, discharge, or other cause will

be well represented. Their proficiency in drill and discipline and ex-
perience in arms will add an important element of strength to their re-
organizations. Officers similarly situated should attach themselves to com-
panies organized under this call; and should be elected to command
in preference to those who have not yet been in the field.

Let one and all do their duty and the blessings of peace will soon
leave us a free, prosperous and independent people.

John J Pettus.

Proclamation

Executive Office
Meridian. Miss. 27th June 1863

To the Sheriffs of the several Counties of the State of Mississippi — Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to hold an election at the several precincts in your respective counties, on the 1st Monday in October next, for the election of the following officers, viz:

One Governor;
One Secretary of State;
One Auditor of Public Accounts;
One State Treasurer.

Also — One Representative in the Congress of the Confederate States, for the District to which your county belongs;

Also — Such Senators and Representatives in the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, as your counties are entitled to by law.

You will in all things conduct said election according to law, and make the return thereof to the office of the Secretary of State.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi the day and year above written

John J Pettus.

By the Governor
C A Broughel
Secy of State

Executive Office
Jackson, Miss. 9th July 1863

To the Sheriff of Yazoo County
Greeting

Whereas His Excellency John Gill Shorter, Governor of the State of Alabama, has made requisition upon me for the arrest of one R R Bain who stands charged with "feloniously" "stealing and bringing to the State of Alabama" a certain slave named John alias, Oliver, the property of Nathan L Sabel; and Whereas the said Governor of Alabama has demanded the surrender of the said R R Bain as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to John H Hughes, agent on the part of said State of Alabama.

Now therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws and Laws of this state, you are hereby commanded to take the body

[illegible] provided in your County for and declined him to the [illegible]

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed this the day and year first above written.

Given I Pettus.
Governor of Miss

Secretaries

Executive Office.
Brandon Miss. 11th August 1863

[illegible] State have served from [illegible] this place, [illegible] Secretary, and finding [illegible] for duties at this point; [illegible] the duties [illegible] the Constitution [illegible] State Prison, civil and [illegible] will be attended [illegible] Secretary can be [illegible]

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Governor of Miss.

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[illegible] Secretary of State [illegible] duties of [illegible] Legislature [illegible] State [illegible] Governor [illegible]

Executive Office
Macon Miss 28 September 186

To the Sheriff of Neshoba County Greeting

Whereas one Daniel Emmons was at the September Term instant (1863) of the Circuit Court of your County found guilty of a charge of unlawfully manufacturing Whisky from corn and sentenced by said Court to pay a fine of Five Hundred Dollars and be imprisoned in the Jail of your County for the space of Ten days.

Now by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State do hereby grant this my remittur and pardon of the said Emmons so far as said imprisonment goes and is concerned and command you upon the receipt of these letters, to release said Daniel Emmons from said imprisonment under said judgement

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of State to be affixed at Macon this the day and year first above written

By the Governor
C. A. Droughon
Secy of State

John J Pettus

Appointment of State Librarian
Executive office
Macon Miss Oct 9th 1863

James Coates Esq
Jackson
Sir

Having been informed by Genl T. J. Wharton that no one is now in charge of the state Library Capital & Public grounds at Jackson - I do by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and Laws of this state - hereby appoint you State Librarian and Ex officio Keeper of the Capital until such time as the Legislature shall have supplied the vacancy in the above office

by Request
John J Pettus
Gov of the State of Mississippi

Proclamation

Executive Office
Macon Miss 14. October 1863

Whereas the present exposed condition of the ~~County~~ City of Jackson renders it impracticable for the regular Sesion of the present Legislature to be held at that place— Now by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State— I have appointed the City of Columbus in Lowndes County as the place for holding the regular Sesion of the Legislature to convene on the first Monday of November next

Further proclamation is made that from and after the Last Monday in October instant the seat of Government will be temporarily removed from Macon to Columbus

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed

John J Pettus

By the Governor
A Brough
Secy of State

Writ of Election
John J. Pettus
Governor of the State of Mississippi

To the Sheriffs of Tishemingo Tippah Itawamba Pontotoc and Monroe Counties? Greeting

Whereas by the resignation of the Honorable Reuben Davis representative in the Congress of the Confederate States of America for the District composed of the Counties of Tishemingo. Tippah Itawamba Pontotoc and Monroe a vacancy has occured in said office And whereas the Laws of this state in such cases requires that such vacancy should be filled by election by the people

Now Therefore

I John J. Pettus Governor of the State of Mississippi by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State do issue this my writ requiring you and each of you to hold an election at the several precincts in your respective Counties on Monday the 23d day of November next for a representative in the Congress of the Confederate States of America ~~and~~ for the District composed of the Counties of Tishemingo Tippah Itawamba Pontotoc & Monroe to fill the unexpired Term of the said Honorable Reuben Davis: And I do enjoin you to hold and conduct said election in all respects according to Law and make your report thereof to the Secretary of State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Caused the Great seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed at Macon this the 20th day of October ~~A~~D 1863

John J Pettus

By the Governor
C. A. Brougher
Secy of State

Executive office
Macon Miss oct 20th 1863

By Virtue and in pursuance of the authority vested in me as Governor of the state of Mississippi by an act of the Legislature approved January 1st 1863 entitled an act to procure salt for the indigent families of Soldiers and for other purposes - I have this day appointed and by these letters do appoint to take effect on Friday the 23d inst J A Phelps a citizen of Hinds County as an assistant agent for the state at Large to assist in procuring salt for the indigent families of Soldiers in the state of Mississippi - either by purchasing the same or superintending the manufacturing thereof at the state salt works in the state of Alabama -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the Great seal of the state of Mississippi to be affixed at Macon this the day and year first above written

John J Pettus

By the Governor
C. A Brougher
Secretary of State

3 Nov 1863

Governors Message

Executive Office
Columbus Miss. 3 Nov 1863

Mr. President & Speaker

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to deliver to you his Message in writing with the accompanying Reports and Documents

James H Rives
Private Secy & A.D.C

Executive Office
Columbus Mississippi

Gentlemen of the Senate, and
House of Representatives:

Since the meeting of the last Legislature, Mississippi has been made the theatre of a continued war, and notwithstanding the many sacrifices of her citizens and the efforts of the army sent for her protection, a large portion of her territory has been overrun by the Federal Army; and much of her property has been destroyed and large quantities carried away. Their superior numbers have enabled the enemy to overrun large districts of country, but they have not, as yet, been able to occupy permanently but an inconsiderable portion of the territory of Mississippi. Corinth, Vicksburg and Natchez, with a few square miles surrounding each, is all that they can justly claim as being within their lines. The advance of heavy columns of the enemy upon the City of Jackson, early in May last, at a time when we had no adequate force for its protection, rendered it necessary, in my opinion, to remove the archives and public property of the State, as far as I was able, from Jackson to Enterprise, where the seat of Government was temporarily established.

Since the first occupation of Jackson by the enemy, Vicksburg has fallen, and the Federals have again been in possession of the Capitol of the State, and it has remained in such an exposed position, that I deemed it unsafe to return with the archives and other public property. I therefore, established the seat of Government, temporarily, first at Meridian, and more recently, for the convenience of suitable buildings for offices, at Macon

The ordeal through which the State of Mississippi has been called to pass, has been one of sore tribulation, and well calculated to test the loyalty of her citizens. There have been a flood of rumors as to the disloyalty of particular districts and localities of the State, but I have received no reliable information of any considerable disaffection in any quarter. It is, perhaps true, that some individuals, taking counsel of their fears, have taken the oath of allegiance to, and sought the protection of, the Government of the United States. But the great heart of the people of Mississippi, remains as true to the cause, and their determination to succeed in the great struggle in which we are now engaged, is as hopeful and buoyant, as when the contest first began

Penitentiary"

Believing it to be very certain that the enemy would occupy Jackson, it became necessary to make some disposal of the convicts in the Penitentiary; and having been informed that, twenty-five of these convicts were confindly to our cause, and would, in all probability join the Federal army, if permitted to fall into their hands, I determined, therefore upon consultation with the Superintendent and the superiors of the Penitentiary, to send these convicts to some place of greater security. I applied to the Governor of Alabama for permission to send them to the Penitentiary of that State, which he kindly granted, and they are now confined at Hetronka.

Learning, also, that there were 40 convicts willing to take arms in defence of the country, I pardoned them, and caused them to be mustered into

service; and they have since been distributed to the different regiments, from this State in the Confederate army.

A considerable number of convicts still remained in the Penitentiary, who were either unable or unwilling to enter the army. These were, upon the near approach of the Federal army, turned out, without pardon. I was satisfied that the enemy would destroy the Penitentiary buildings, and being unable to get any safe place of confinement for these convicts, I thought this to be the best disposition that could be made of them.

Upon the first occupation of the city of Jackson by the Federal army, the Penitentiary buildings were all destroyed, and there remains now of that institution with all its machinery, but little, save the rubbish of the walls. One steam engine, and a lot of iron and copper, is all that can be secured from the ruins. I have directed Col W Brunner, Chief of Ordnance, to collect every article of value from the rubbish, and transport them to Meridian. I have directed the copper to be sold to the Government of the Confederate States for the manufacture of percussion caps. The steam engine will, in all probability, be destroyed by rust, or otherwise, before the State will again be in condition to use it; therefore, I recommend that some disposition be made of it by the Legislature.

I herewith transmit the report of the supervisors of the Penitentiary, showing that, at the time of its destruction, it was yielding a handsome revenue to the State, there being in net profit to the State the last year of $60,490 76/100.

The Institutions

The State Institutions for the Deaf, Dumb and the Blind, have been broken up at Jackson. The Lunatic Asylum was much damaged during the seige of Jackson, in its fencing and out buildings. The main building suffered but little, and this Institution, under the supervision of its able superintendant, Dr Robt Kells, assisted by the Board of Trustees, still gives shelter and sustenance to this truly unfortunate class of our citizens. The money heretofore appropriated by the Legislature has been sufficient, with rigid economy in its disbursement, to keep up the Institutions; but the increased cost of every article of consumption or use, renders it necessary for the Legislature to take this subject again under consideration. An Asylum like this, for the protection and proper treatment of the unfortunate lunatics of the State, was found to be absolutely necessary in times of prosperity and profound peace; but now, when the country is torn and distracted by war and invasion, and our citizens have scarcely time to provide for the protection of the same members of their families, it is still more important, that the Legislature make adequate provisions for the maintenance and protection of this unfortunate class. I therefore recommend that the Legislature take the affairs of the Lunatic Asylum again under consideration, and make such additional appropriations as may be found necessary for its proper support.

Impressment of Horses

The cavalry force of this department, under General Van Dorn, having been ordered to Tennessee, to reinforce General Bragg, the open country of the State of Mississippi was left exposed to the cavalry raids of the enemy, without any adequate force for its protection. Under these circumstances, when the State had been traversed, from one end to the other, by an insignificant force of mounted men under Grierson, and when the whole State appeared to be in imminent danger of being overrun and distroyed, I published a call for volunteers in this arm of the service to serve for from three to twelve months, and meeting with great difficulty in raising the force required, on account of the scarcity of horses, I ordered sufficient number of horses, bridles and saddles to be impressed to mount and equip such men as were willing to volunteer who were unable to mount themselves. In obedience to these orders, six hundred and nineteen horses and one hundred twenty five bridles and two hundred and thirteen saddles were impressed, at an aggregate cost of $224,910.50/100 and placed at once in the service. These horses, bridles and saddles are still the property of the State, to be disposed of as the Legislature may direct. The principal damage done the property of the State has been accomplished in the main by marauding parties of the enemy.

numbering from fifteen to five hundred men. Against such parties as these, it is impossible to protect the country by means of infantry alone. Such forces can only be held effectually in check by means of cavalry. I have an understanding with the President of the Confederate States, and also with General Johnston, to turn the cavalry force, raised as above mentioned, over to the Confederate service, the Confederate Government agreeing to pay for the use and risk of the State horses during their term of service, and also to pay the value, when any such horse or horses shall be killed or captured by the enemy. This arrangement however, is subject to any disposition which the Legislature may deem proper to be made in the premises. I am well satisfied that Mississippi can be protected only by mounted men; and, therefore, every assistance that can be consistently rendered should be given by the Legislature to this arm of the service

Ordnance Dept. Circumstances have forced the removal of the State Armory from Brandon to Meridian, where temporary buildings have been erected for the reception of the machinery, unfinished guns, and guns out of repair, and ordnance stores on hand. The fortunes of war have caused the removal of the State Armory twice since the commencement of the present conflict - first, from Panola to Brandon and more recently to Meridian. These repeated removals, have very much retarded the repairing and manufacturing of arms. It is however hoped, that the Armory will soon be in working order, and that its operations will not again be disturbed. For more definite information I refer you to the report of Col W Brame acting Chief of ordnance, herewith transmitted

Quartermasters Generals Dept. I also send you the report of Col A McNeil Quartermaster General of the State, to which I refer you for full information as to the transactions of his department. The business of that office has been so extended, and the assistance allowed the Quartermaster General by law so limited, that a large amount of unsettled accounts have accumulated upon his hands. I therefore recommend that he be allowed such additional clerks or assistant Quartermasters as may be found necessary for the proper transaction of the office; or that an auditor be appointed to examine all unsettled accounts coming before the Quartermaster General for settlement

Adjutant General The report of the Adjutant General herewith transmitted, will show to the Legislature the number of regiments, battalions and unattached companies that have been organized and turned over to the Confederate Government in this State, so far as the same was done by State authority. Some regiments were organized ~~and turned~~ in the State, under authority denied directly from the Secretary of War, and their muster rolls were never filed in the Adjutant Generals Office; of such there is no record, nor is mention made of them in the report. The report will also show the number of drafted men and volunteer cavalry, organized under State authority, as State Troops.

Removal of Negroes While our enemies are unable to hold permanently, any considerable portion of the State, the exposed condition of the northern and western districts to cavalry raids, and the facility with which the enemy can enter the counties upon the margin of the navigable rivers in the State, renders it necessary, that the Legislature devise some means, for the protection of the property in those districts. Some means should be devised at least, to prevent the negro men from falling into the hands of the Federal authorities, and thus becoming a powerful auxiliary means in their hands, for our subjugation. Every able bodied negro man that falls into the hands of the enemy, is not only a laborer lost to the country in the production of supplies for the support of our armies in the field, but he is (under the present policy of the United States Government) a soldier gained to its army. This has become a matter of too much importance to be lightly passed over. Already, marauding bands of these freed negroes, are desolating neighborhoods in the valley of the Mississippi, and citizens of Mississippi have been murdered at their Homes by them. It is the policy of the United States Government, in the conduct of this war to use the negro troops to perfect the destruction and demoraliza-

tion of the country which the Federal army may occupy. Such being the intention of our enemies, the whole strength of the Government should be brought to bear, to prevent negro men from falling into their hands. I therefore recommend that the Legislature pass some law for the removal of all able bodied negro men, from the more exposed districts of the State, authorizing the Governor of the State, the President of the Confederate States, or the General commanding the department, to make such disposition of them, as may be deemed best for the public good, a just and proper compensation being made to the owner for the hire, during the time they may remain in the employ of the Government.

Previous to the meeting of the last session of the Legislature, I entered into contracts for salt with several foreigners, who proposed to import it by running the blockade; which contracts, I submitted to a committee of the Legislature. The salt under these several contracts was to be paid for in cotton. I directed General West, Quartermaster General of the State, to purchase 5000 bales of cotton, (all of which was not bought) for that purpose, and to have a sufficient quantity on hand to pay for the first cargo. Fifty bales of this cotton, was by my order, delivered to one of the contractors, A Mannett, a Frenchman, to be shipped to France, he securing the State of Mississippi against loss, by depositing ten thousand dollars in Confederate notes with the State Treasurer. A change of Generals, and the policy of the Federal authorities, prevented the of these contracts. Mannett and the other contractors, failed to deliver the salt, according to their contracts, and the ten thousand dollars, deposited as above mentioned still remains with the Treasurer. I sent the Hon D. S Pattison, with twenty thousand dollars to Iberia, in Louisiana, in charge of a steamboat, to purchase salt, for the State of Mississippi; and failing in that, to afford transportation to such citizens of the State, as he might find there with salt purchased for their own families consumption, or for the use of their neighbors without, re-sale or speculation. Captain Pattison reached Iberia, in Louisiana, in time to secure a boat load of salt for the State and its citizens, but on the homeward trip of the boat, on Bayou Teche, it was stopped by Confederate authority, and prevented from further prosecution of the enterprise on account of threatened danger from Federal gunboats, until the mouth of the Bayou was actually blockaded. Captain Pattison however succeeded, after much labor, in getting as he reported, forty thousand pounds of salt, delivered at Vicksburg. Whatever amount so secured, was distributed to destitute families as directed. For further information, see Col West's report as salt agent. Capt Pattison has not yet, made a full report and settlement of his proceedings as salt agent. I am therefore to give the Legislature any further information as to his transactions. I also sent, R. O. Dixon, Esqr as a special agent for the State of Mississippi to Virginia, to make contracts for salt water, intending to establish furnaces for the manufacture of salt, on State account; but he could not succeed in making such contracts as would justify the expenditure of money necessary to carry into successful operation the plan proposed, and it was therefore abandoned. Having failed to establish manufactories of salt on State account as I desired, I authorized Messrs Strong Cunningham & Co of Monroe and Chickasaw counties, in this State, to manufacture salt at Saltville on private account, for people of North and North-East Mississippi Under the act of the extra session of the Legislature, held in December and January last, appropriating five thousand dollars to purchase salt for the indigent families of soldiers. I appointed Capt H C Turner salt agent, and directed him to go to the salt works in the State of Alabama, with instructions to buy salt, make contracts for its manufacture in sufficient quantities to supply the destitute families of our soldiers, if it could be obtained in that way, or failing to get a sufficient quantity, to establish furnaces and manufacture salt on State account. His instructions were, to get salt by either, or all of the above means. In pursuance of these instructions, he contracted with Norman & Co, for the manufacture of 21.000 bushels of salt, to be delivered by installments. For a more extended account of his transactions as salt agent, I refer you to his report, herewith transmitted, stating however, that the salt has not been delivered in the quantities, and at the times agreed upon by the contractors. On or about the 13th of April last, I appointed Col West salt agent, to receive and distribute to the different counties, the pro-rata share of whatever salt might be obtained by purchase or manufacture, distributing the salt so received, to the

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boards of police. I subsequiently, on the 18th day of October appointed him salt agent for the State at large, with authority to supervise generally all contracts for the purchase and manufacture of salt on State accounts, and to receive, and superintend equitable distribution of above mentioned. I refer you to his report as salt agent, herewith transmitted for further information on the subject. Having purchased the cotton for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing part of this communication, and loosing all hope of securing with it, the salt contracted for, I ordered Col Vest to turn over fifty bales of it, to Dr Luke Blackburn one of the medical Commissioners for the State, to be shipped to Havana, in the Island of Cuba, to be there exchanged for arms and munitions of war. This cotton was delivered to Dr Blackburn as directed, but as yet, he has made no report of his success in the premises.

Wives, Widows and Children of Soldiers

The proper maintenance and support of the widows and children of deceased soldiers, and the families of those now in the army, is a subject of great importance and deserves at the hands of the Legislature, the most serious consideration. I regard it as your most solemn duty, to make such provision for their comfort and support, as will no longer leave the families of our brave soldiery, in any risk, dependent upon the uncertain contributions of private charity; for that support and protection, which they have a right to demand, for the sacrifices now being made by their lawful protectors. The diminution, of the State Tax, will greatly diminish the military relief fund, now provided by law. This diminution, with the increased price of provisions, and the greatly increased number of those dependent upon this fund for support, will, it is thought, make it necessary for the Legislature to make some additional provisions upon this subject.

Money

I sent the Hon A.B. Dibrell, as agent for the State of Mississippi to the City of Memphis, to make contracts with Messrs Hulton & Enclish the only persons known to me in this country in condition at the time, to print the Treasury notes, for the "cotton loan" in the manner provided. Contracts for printing the Treasury notes, for an "advance upon cotton" of the denominations specified in the act, approved, 19th December 1861, upon electrotype plates, as directed by the supplemental act, approved, January 29th 1862, and also for printing the Treasury notes, to be issued on State account, for military purposes provided by an act, approved January 29th 1862 were made with them, at a cost of four cents per note. Of the notes to be used as an "advance upon cotton" there was printed six hundred and fifty seven thousand one hundred and fifty six, which at the cost of four cents per note, amounted to the sum of twenty six thousand, two hundred eighty six dollars and twenty four cents ($26. 286. 24/100) and for the notes to be issued for military purposes, there were printed two hundred and five thousand two hundred and ninety five, which at a cost of four cents per note, amounted to the sum of eight thousand two hundred and eleven dollars and eighty cents, ($8. 211. 80/100) making the total aggregate cost of printing the notes, amount to the sum of thirty four thousand four hundred and ninety-eight dollars and four cents, ($34. 498. 04/100). The great demand for change notes of the cotton money, made it necessary to have a large proportion of these printed. This caused the disproportion in the cost of printing the cotton money, and the two and one half million Treasury notes

There have been eight Thousand five hundred and eighty seven applications made for advances upon cotton, and the whole amount of the five million dollars provided by law has been exhausted.

The amount refunded on account of this loan, up to the 29th day of October is five hundred and seventy seven thousand seven hundred and nine dollars.

The amount of money issued upon my requisition on account of the military fund, provided by the act, approved, January 29th 1862, is one million one hundred and fifteen thousand five hundred and forty four dollars and ninety three cents. Of this sum, one hundred and twenty three thousand six hundred and two dollars and twenty seven cents, was issued on account of the appropriations for salt, approved, January 1st 1863. The amount refunded on account of this military fund, is two hundred and sixty two Thousand five hundred and eighty nine dollars and sixty seven cents

was on account of sale of salt.

The third section of the act, authorizing the issuance of these Treasury notes for military purposes, provides for funding them in sums of not less than five hundred dollars in State bonds, payable in ten years with interest, from the date thereof, at eight per cent per annum. None of these notes have been so funded, for the reason that no provision was made for a form, or for printing the bonds, nor is the time, or manner of paying the interest, thereon prescribed.

I have been informed that some of these notes are now on deposit to be funded awaiting the preparation of these bonds and some provision for the payment of interest. I therefore recommend that some provision be made for printing the bonds and for the payment of the interest, annually, by coupons or otherwise, as the wisdom of the Legislature may direct.

The amount expended of the appropriation for arms under the act approved December 15th 1859 is seventy-two thousand Seven hundred and forty five 12/100 dollars ($72,745 12/100) for which vouchers are on file in my office.

I herewith transmit the partial report of the Auditor of Public accounts made to me, showing the condition of the principal military funds provided by law, and respectfully refer you to the full report of the Auditor and Treasurer for further information.

Militia

The present condition and prospects of the country demands of the Legislature to seriously consider the subject of a thorough and extended reorganization of the military strength of the State. I therefore again recommend the extension of the Militia Law, so as to include and make subject to military duty, every free white male person, either a citizen or a temporary resident, not actually conscripted, between the ages of sixteen and sixty years; and as a large portion of these would be kept at home, only such as are physically able to discharge the duties of soldiers should be sent to the field; and the remainder should be organized, armed and equipped for local defence against sudden raids, and held as a police force for the counties in which they live. The Militia officers should be allowed pay for the time they are actually engaged in the organization of the militia, or otherwise necessarily engaged in the discharge of their official duties. The law, as it now stands, imposes duties upon them often arduous and expensive, and makes no provisions for pay or allowance. I am satisfied if this was done, it would add much to the efficiency of these officers. The extension of the conscript law to forty five years, has so reduced the militia strength of the State, that I do not believe it necessary to retain the office of Brigadier General of the Militia. The Major General, with the assistance of the regimental and company officers, will be entirely sufficient to enforce any law necessary to be passed.

In any organization that it may be found necessary to make, the Governor should be authorized to appoint all the quartermasters and surgeons. Under the existing law neither the Governor nor the Quartermaster General have had that control over these officers which, in my opinion, the good of the service requires.

The many defects in the practical operation of the Militia Law of the State, make it my duty, to call your attention especially to that subject. The Confederate army in this department has been constantly confronted and opposed by a greatly superior invading force, so that the Generals commanding have not only been unable to protect the State from invasion by large bodies of infantry, but the enemys cavalry have made repeated raids into the State which have been alike destructive to the property of the country and that cordial good feeling for and confidence in the ultimate success of our struggle among the people so essential to a successfull termination of this contest. While the attention of the commanding Generals of the department, have been mainly drawn as of right, it should be to the advancing columns of the invading force. I have ... have said all the means in my power to give them such assistance, as

deemed necessary for the protection of the country.

I have kept constantly in the field all the volunteer state cavalry that could possibly be raised, and while I have not been as successful in raising as large bodies of troops as I desired. I have given essential aid in the protection of a large portion of the State which would otherwise have been left in a wholly defenceless condition, and I am happy to be able to state to the Legislature that this State organizations have rendered much good service in the Northern and Northeastern Districts at a time when there were no Confederate troops to spare for that purpose; being mostly in unattached battalions and companies, and well acquainted with roads and principal localities, of the country in which they have operated. These State organizations have been able to afford much greater security to the citizens and do much more damage to the enemy than larger bodies of troops less acquainted with the country could have accomplished; often inflicting severe chastisements upon marauding parties, whose only object was plunder.

While other bodies of State troops have been kept in the field, less actively engaged than the cavalry, they have been placed at the request of the commanding Generals to guard depots of public stores and other important points along the line of the different Railroads, and they have thus relieved the regular troops of that duty and to that extent, strengthened the Confederate army in the field.

In explanation of the causes that occasioned the organization of the State troops in the first instance, and the continuing them in the field, I herewith transmit copies of the several calls and requisitions, made by Gens Duggles, Price and Van Dorn, and also the additional correspondence with the President of the Confederate States, Secretary of War, and Gen'ls Johnston and Pemberton upon the same subject. My effort to place the number of troops in the field which I deemed necessary to guard the State against destructive raids have been much embarrassed by the opposition of the Pres: of the State opposing the enforcement of the Militia law passed at the last session of the Legislature. The great confidence of the people in the inability of the Confederate Government to protect the State from invasion, induced large numbers of them to say and the efforts being made to organize and bring into the field the Militia of the State as unnecessary and the Law itself as impractible and oppressive. Had the efforts which had been made to organize the State troops received that support which in view of the great danger threatening us had a right to expect, there is much reason to believe, that the condition of Mississippi would now be much better than it is. A few thousand additional troops at Jackson in May, might have held that place until reinforcements to Gen'l Johnston then arriving could have overwhelmed the invading army and maintained our position at Vicksburg.

Salaries of State offices

The salaries of the State officers were fixed by law at a time when provisions and property were at a low valuation compared to the present exhorbitant price at which every species of property and provisions is held. The pay which is allowed to these officers if made in the currency of the country, is not sufficient to give them that support and maintenance which the credit of the State demands they should receive. I therefore recommend that their salaries be increased

I have sought from the beginning of the war to the present time to make the largest preparation to meet our enemies which the means and power intrusted to me enabled me to make, I have believed it better to spend what we have in manly resistance than permit it to become the prey of plundering invaders; and in this, my last Message, to the representatives of a brave people, threatened by a more destructive invasion than any in modern times. In view of the known purpose of the enemy to lay waste our land and confiscate whatever escapes the ravages of war; in view of the known determination of the Lincoln government to reduce this people to a condition, worse the European serfdom; in view of that "dark deviance" to which this and succeeding generations doomed, should Federal arms prevail, permit me earnestly to recommend that no consideration of dollars and cents should stand in the way

of the amplest preparation of men and means, and the most extreme measures for the defence of the country. There is no half-way house of rest in this revolution. Independence or death, or that, which is more than death, are the alternatives presented to this people and the sooner this truth is realized and acted upon, the better for us and our children.

May God who smiles on a virtuous endurance in a just cause and blesses with success, fidility, patriotism and courage, preside over your deliberations, and direct your councils.

John J Pettus

Executive Office
Columbus Miss. 10 Nov 1863

Mr President

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to deliver to you the following message in writing

James H Ries
Private Secty & A.D.C.

Executive Office
Columbus Miss. 10 November 1863

To the Senate

On the 21st day of October AD 1862 T.A Austin - who had forfeited his recognizance before the Circuit Court of Yalabusha County for the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars, upon which forfeiture Execution had issued and was then in the hands of the Sheriff of said County - presented his petition to me praying the stay of said execution until the end of the next regular session of the Legislature, and also that said forfeiture be then remitted - Which prayer so far as suspending the collection of said forfeiture was granted and a writ to that effect was directed to the Sheriff of Yalabusha County - I now ask the advise and consent of the Senate to the remission of the said forfeiture

John J. Pettus

Executive Office
Columbus Miss. Nov. 10th 1863

To the Sheriff of Yallabusha County Greeting

Whereas on the 21st day of October A.D. 1862, one T. A Austin presented his petition to me praying the suspension of the collection of a certain Judgement, upon a forfeiture rendered against him in the Circuit Court of said County until the second of the then next regular session of the Legislature of this State

Executive Office
Columbus Miss. Nov 1863

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor did on the 4th inst sign and approve House Bills entitled

No 1 An Act to remove the Civil disabilities of Walter McDougal a Minor

No 2 An Act to authorize the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate to appoint Messengers between the two houses

J H Ries
Private Secty & A.D.C.

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Senate Chamber
Columbus Miss Nov 10th 1866

His Excellency
John J. Pettus
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The Senate of the Legislature of Mississippi have this day advised and consented to the remission of forfeiture in the case of the State of Mississippi vs. T. A Austin from the Circuit Court of Yallobusha County

I remain very respectfully
your Obt Svt
D D Porter
Secretary of the Senate

Executive Office
Columbus Miss, Nov 10th 1866

To the Sheriff of Yallobusha County
Greeting

Whereas on the 24th day of October A.D. 1862 one T A. Austin presented his petition to me praying the suspension of the collection of a certain Judgement upon a forfeiture rendered against him in the Circuit Court of said County until the third next regular session of the Legislature of this State - and further remit that said forfeiture be remitted

And whereas the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi have this day advised and consented to the remission of forfeiture in the case of the State of Mississippi vs said T A Austin from the Circuit Court of Yallobusha County.

Now therefore by virtue of the power vested in me as Governor of the State of Mississippi by the Constitution and Laws thereof - I do hereby grant this my full and free pardon to the said T A Austin and remit the said forfeiture of the Two hundred & fifty dollars, and you are hereby directed upon the receipt of these letters, to abstain from all further efforts to collect said money - by virtue of any execution in your hands upon said forfeiture and Judgement - This remittitur is not intended to apply to the costs in this behalf expended

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed on the day and year first above written

John J Pettus

By the Governor
A Longhin
Secretary of State.

Executive Office
Columbus Miss Nov 11th 1866

Mr Speaker

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to deliver to you the following message in writing

James L Rice
Private Secretary

Executive Office
Columbus Miss, Nov 10th 1866

Gentlemen of the House
of Representatives

In responce to your resolution requesting to be informed whether an act entitled an act to provide for a guarandy by the State of Mississippi of the bonds of the Confederate States passed and approved January 3rd 1866 has been published three months previous to the next regular election in three news papers of this State

I have to State that about the last of June I directed my then private Secretary to send a copy of the act, to three Editors of news papers of this State to publish the same for three months. This is my recollection of the matter whether the matter was neglected or if the letters were mailed and lost in the then disturbed state of transportation I am not able to state, when my attention was called to the fact, that it did not appear in the papers it was too late, as there was not then three months (the time prescribed) until the election. I can only express my regret and the hope that no unpardonable evil will result, from the failure to publish the act

I herewith send you report of Dr A C Cobb from Cartersville Ga where he has been giving his attention to the sick and wounded Miss. soldiers. Dr E M Blackburn the other Commissioner was in my office a few days since and reported verbally that he had rendered all the aid in his power to our sick and wounded on the field and in the hospitals about Chickamauga

John J Pettus

Executive Office
Columbus Miss 14 Nov 1866

His Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has signed and approved the following House Bills

Entitled

No 3 An Act to remove the Civil disabilities of William H Brooks a minor

No 4 An Act to amend an act to incorporate the Bank of Jackson and other Banks

No 5 An Act for the relief of Destitute families in Yazoo County

No 6 An Act to amend an act Incorporating Mississippi Manufacturing Company

No 7 An Act to remove the Civil disabilities of William Rice Hooker

No 8 An Act regulating the fees of Jailors in certain Cases

No 9 An Act to authorize the Board of Police of the County of Itawamba to make an appropriation out of the County Treasury to pay the Tax Assessor for taking the number of children between the ages of six and Eighteen years, in order to an equal dividend of that portion of the School fund appropriated to be laid out annually for the use of Common Schools

F L Brown
Acty Private Secty

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Executive Office
Columbus Miss 16th Nov 1866

To the President & Speaker
I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to deliver to you the following Message in writing

James H Ellis
Privat Secty & ADC

Executive Office
Columbus Miss 14 Nov 1866

Gentlemen of the Senate and
House of Representatives

I herewith transmit to you the report of the Trustee and Superintendent of the Mississippi State Lunatic Asylum which was not received in time to be sent with my former Message

On February 1861 a small amount of property belonging to the United States was captured by State troops on Ship Island, I was directed by the Military Board to have it sold for the benefit of the State, Capt J McCabe was charged with this duty, and by my order deposited the proceeds amounting to Nine hundred and twenty two 92/100 dollars with Peck McIntyre & Co of New Orleans subject to draft

About the first of April 1861 I sent to Chicago for Charles Chase to enlist through the house of Sheridan Thompson & Co of New Orleans twenty five thousand dollars of the Military Fund to purchase expenses and gear proper outfit & transportation of State troops called for by the President & the same to be sent to Pensacola, as the money was subsequently through the Treasurer Treasurer General office, the bills were left on file in my office by said Clerk on the return

Chase paid out of the Military Fund to the Diamond Arms Company Chicago the sum of twenty thousand dollars (20,000 00/100) The transaction for this sum would have been drawn on appropriation for Arms, but there was not in the treasury at the time money to pay the bill, except by warrant on that fund — Diamond Arms Company were paying cash for all goods they sold and the payment was guaranteed by Peck McIntyre Sheridan Thompson and I deemed it my duty to pay it out of the Treasury appropriated to military purposes.

The papers, correspondence and vouchers in regard to this purchase of arms are on file in my office

The Governor appropriated first ten thousand afterwards seven thousand and five thousand dollars which sums were paid over to the Treasurer of State by the Governor & Troops then in active service at Pensacola and Virginia, that sum has been expended as directed and the vouchers are on file in my office.

On the 2nd April 1861 I gave to Brig Gen A Duffett a requisition for fifteen thousand dollars on the Military fund to defray the expenses of two Regiments of Mississippi troops called for by the President & the same to be forwarded, this was at that time no Confederate Quarter Master in charge of the troops and provide for them, and no funds were by the Confederate Authorities Brig Gen Duffett was ordered to take charge of them and provide for the necessary expenses, and requisition for warrants on the Auditor for the amount are on file in my office, and the vouchers for the expenditure of same are filed with J G Thomas in the Adjutant General's office of Mississippi

Of these there were warrants to something over sixty seven thousand five hundred dollars were expended in paying the troops at the points to which the Quarterly requisitions called on me to pay them and gear them the necessary outfit — the other twenty seven thousand dollars was expended for Blankets Rifles and Ammunition which were turned over to the Confederate Authorities

with our State troops when they went into Confederate service, and all constitute a just claim on the Confederate Government in favor of the State

I herewith transmit a copy of the correspondence of the Confederate Treasury Department showing the amount of money received by the State of Miss. on claims audited for money expended by the State for the Confederate service, which as will be seen by the report amounts to ($125.404 7/100) one hundred and twenty five thousand four hundred and four 7/100 Dollars -

The accompanying report of Second Auditor W. H. S. Taylor to Mr Memminger Secty of the Treasury will show the amount of claims filed by the State for settlement, and the reason why more of them have not been audited and allowed - I suggest that some competent Agent be appointed to put in proper form all these and such other claims, as the books of the several State Departments may show to be due the State and present them for settlement at the Confederate Treasury

I herewith transmit such papers relating to the Geological Survey and the analysis of Salts as have been received from E. N. Hilgard and State Geologist

The report of Rev C K Marshall is herewith submitted, giving a statement of his operations as Hospital Agent of the State - The utility and necessity of extending the helping hand of the State to our Sick and wounded soldiers in my opinion still exists, and I recommend the subject to your favorable consideration.

John J. Pettus

Executive office
Columbus Miss 16 Nov 1863.

Mr President

His Excellency the Governor did on the 14th inst sign & approve Senate Bill entitled

An Act to increase the Salary of the Governor of this State

J H Rives
Private Secy & A D C